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CHRISTMAS FILMS CAN mean many things to many people. For some, it's shorthand for a Christmas classic, of which there will be no shortage on television this year, with the guarantee of *It's a Wonderful Life* and *Love Actually* appearing somewhere in the schedules. For others, it means the opportunity to head to the cinema. The release, after a 13-year wait, of the sequel to *Avatar* falls into the latter category.

Millions saw the original when it was first released in 2009 and it made a barely believable \$2.9 billion at the box office. But a lot has changed since then. As the director James Cameron tells us in this issue, his sequel represents something of a gamble.

He could be right, not just because the first film is a distant memory, but also because our cinema-going habits are no longer the same. In 2009 Netflix was still sending out DVDs in the post; now it and other streaming services like Disney+ have changed for ever the way we watch film and television.

In 2022, research shows that only 63% of all television viewed in the UK was shown on traditional TV. The rest comes via streaming/video services, which routinely include films among their offerings. Indeed, of the eight new films released for Christmas that we feature in this issue, six are available on Netflix, Disney+ or Apple TV+, or they will be soon. And the two that aren't – the Whitney Houston biopic *I Wanna Dance with Somebody* and *Avatar: the Way of Water* – will surely make it to a streaming service at some point.

What this means for television is that the line between film and TV is increasingly blurred. And as our habits continue to change, the difference between the two will disappear. Which means, of course, that whatever your definition of a Christmas film, soon they will all end up being on television. Whether or not you think that is a good thing, the reality is that TV viewers will be the winners.

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TV

Chris Kamara: Lost for Words

Tuesday
9.15pm **ITV1**

The football pundit and *Ninja Warrior* co-host uses his public status to raise awareness of apraxia of speech (AOS), a condition that sees him struggling to pronounce words correctly and consistently.

TV

Strike: Troubled Blood

Sunday 9.00pm,
Monday 9.00pm **BBC1**

Strike and Robin (Tom Burke and Holliday Grainger) have a new case. Can they track down a woman called Margot who has been missing for decades?

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TV

Vienna Blood

Wednesday

9.00pm **BBC2**

It's back to 1908 Austria for more charming but gently warped mysteries from the casebook of Oskar Rheinhardt (Juergen Maurer, right) and his Freudian friend Max Liebermann (Matthew Beard).

TV

EastEnders

Monday
7.35pm **BBC1**

Say goodbye to a Walford legend as former residents of the Square including Colin (Michael Cashman) and Lauren (Jacqueline Jossa) join the soap's regulars to give an emotional send-off to chain-smoking, scandal-mongering Dot (the late June Brown, right).

STREAMING

Emancipation ★★★

Available from 9 December **Apple TV+**

Will Smith's first film since winning an Oscar earlier this year sees him take on the remarkable true story of a slave who escapes a Confederate work camp and faces a gruelling trek to safety in the North, before heroically fighting for the Union in the Civil War.

TV

The English

Thursday

9.00pm **BBC2**

Emily Blunt as Cornelia steers the cinematic Western to an emotional finale. Will you understand everything that happens? Of course not. Is it brilliant television anyway? Yes.

THIS WEEK

THE TEN BEST SHOWS TO
WATCH, LISTEN TO & STREAM

STREAMING

Litvinenko

Available from
15 December **ITVX**

David Tennant stars as Russian dissident Alexander Litvinenko in a measured true-life drama about the long fight for justice that followed the Russian's murder in London.

FEATURE P26 ►

TV

Storyville: A Bunch of Amateurs

Tuesday 10.00pm **BBC4**

A warm, poignant and thoughtful portrait of the elderly members of the Bradford Movie Makers club that's more about the importance of friendship than amateur film-making.

FILM

Emma.

★★★★★

Saturday 6.35pm
BBC2

Jane Austen's heroine has "lived nearly 21 years in the world with very little to distress or vex her" – until she puts her talents to matchmaking. Anya Taylor-Joy is superb in this arch, pacey and beautifully designed adaptation.

RADIO

A Heart That Works

From Monday 9.45am **Radio 4 FM**

A heart-rending Book of the Week in which Rob Delaney reads from his intimate and unflinching account of the life and death of his young son Henry, who died from a brain tumour aged two. Delaney tells his sad story with honesty, humour and much love.

FIRST LOOK

WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

Screenwriter Jack Thorne, whose credits include the acclaimed dramas *Help* and *National Treasure*, is back with another hard-hitting tale drawn from a real-life dilemma – and this one, *Best Interests*, could be his most challenging work yet.

In the story, a young girl (Niamh Moriarty) with a serious disability becomes so ill a hospital decides to turn off her life support – but her parents Andrew and Nicci (Michael Sheen and Sharon Horgan) fight the decision, becoming a media sensation as they tear apart their marriage and family in the

fight over what's best for their child.

"The more I read about it, the more fascinated I became in the idea of how you decide on a child's best interests," Thorne tells *RT*. "But the thing that unlocked it for me was putting a family on two sides of the argument."

Horgan drew on some of her own life experiences for her performance as Nicci. "I'd sort of, in a much smaller way, been in that position with my daughter: when she was really young, she'd had meningitis," she says. "There was a lot of time spent in hospitals on the ICU. I thought I should be able to use that

to help tell this story. But it just felt impossible to even comprehend being in that situation and how difficult it must be [in extreme cases]."

Sheen adds: "I think Jack's writing is so compassionate and multifaceted. In choosing to tell this story it could become very depressing, and a difficult watch, and very earnest."

"I mean, it's very moving – unbearably moving at times. But it's also very funny, and just very real, and very relatable, and very human." **HUW FULLERTON**

Best Interests will air on BBC1 next spring



LEGAL BATTLE
Parents Andrew and Nicci (Michael Sheen and Sharon Horgan) face the media in upcoming drama *Best Interests*

DOCTOR, DOCTOR
Peter Capaldi and Ncuti Gatwa (see story, right)

GRAPEVINE

The TV stories that are getting us talking...

TV ROYALTY

For fans of *The Crown* bereft after bingeing the latest series of the Netflix royal saga, the upcoming ITVX drama *Nolly* – described by writer



Russell T Davies (above) as “*The Crown*, but *Crossroads*” – could be just the ticket. The story of Noele Gordon's sacking from the long-running motel-set soap is, he says, about “a woman falling from grace and being humiliated in many ways. People properly loved Noele, and I wanted to give her a status she genuinely deserves.” And of course, both series also share a leading lady in former Princess Margaret, Helena Bonham Carter...

GREAT SCOT



There's a new tec in town in *Shetland*, with *After Life*'s **Ashley Jensen** (left) taking over from Douglas Henshall in the BBC1 drama. She plays

DI Ruth Calder, a native Shetlander who returns to the isles after 20 years with the Met. Filming on series eight begins in the spring.

NEW KIDS ON THE DOC

Documentaries will have their place alongside all the drama on ITVX, but expect more of a Netflix feel than heartland ITV with shows such as *The Rise and Fall of Boris Becker* and *Rolf Harris: Hiding in Plain Sight*. ITV's director of content Kevin Lygo says that away from the glare of primetime, producers can “loosen up” a bit and we shouldn't expect to hear “Trevor McDonald saying, ‘How are you feeling?’”

THE POWER OF WHO

Peter Capaldi is on a roll: two more series of his Amazon Prime thriller *The Devil's Hour* are on the way, and Scottish Bafta has handed him an outstanding contribution award. In his acceptance speech, the former *Doctor Who* star promised future Time Lord **Ncuti Gatwa** that the role will give him special powers for spotting eager fans: “He'll be able to spot an anorak in his peripheral vision at 50 yards.” **ROBIN PARKER**

TEN QUESTIONS WITH

JAMIE DORNAN

Series one of *The Tourist* leaves iPlayer at the end of the month. But its star isn't going anywhere...

Former model Jamie Dornan has played a serial killer, a sex object, a henchman, a proud father and – most recently – an amnesiac in the Australian outback for the BBC/HBO thriller *The Tourist*, which brought him new attention earlier this year. Alongside a Golden Globe-nominated turn in Kenneth Branagh's *Belfast*, it's been a big 12 months for the Northern Irish actor... but does he think he could be the next James Bond?

***The Tourist* was a huge hit when it debuted on BBC1 on New Year's Day 2022. Were you surprised by the response?**

I was really pleased by it. I thought people were either going to embrace the off-kilter weirdness of the show – the shifts between heavy drama and quirky comedy – or decide it wasn't for them. Luckily there are a lot of weirdos out there who responded well to it.

For most of the series, we don't really know who your character is. How much did you know?

I talked to [writers] Jack and Harry Williams, so I had a broad idea. But I didn't see the script for episode six until we'd been out in Australia for a long time. So in a way I felt like I was on a journey with the audience in terms of what was being revealed about The Man. Which is helpful when you're playing

someone who has absolutely no recollection of who they are, or how they've found themselves in this position.

A second series is in the pipeline. What can you tell us about it?

It's difficult to talk about without spoiling the ending of series one, but all I'll say is there's an appetite for it. There are conversations about how you continue the story – is it set before or after what we've already seen? It's definitely all up for discussion. I really like playing the character and I think there's more to explore.

You seem to have become part of Kenneth Branagh's rep company, first with *Belfast* and now the upcoming Poirot movie *A Haunting in Venice*. Do you call him Sir Ken?

No, he's not like some other notable knighthood recipients who insist on being called that... I feel very fortunate that he wants to continue working with me and doesn't just think I can play a dad from Belfast. Which is what I am!

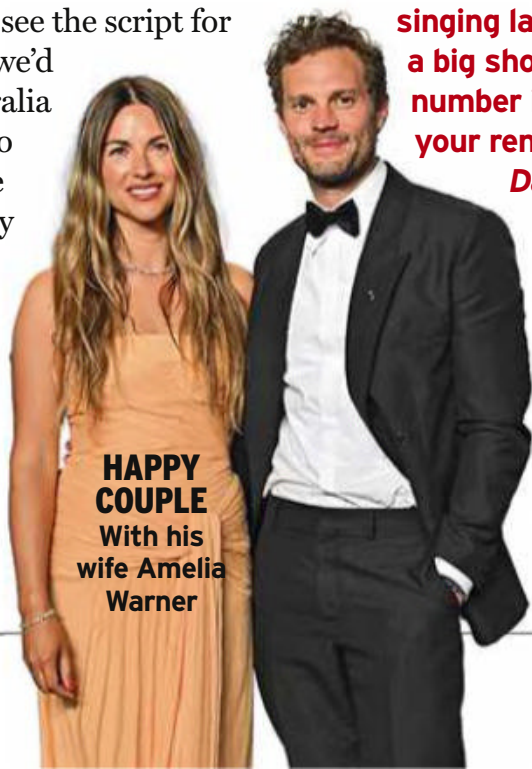
You've been doing a lot of singing lately – including a big showstopping number in *Belfast* and your rendition of *Bette Davis Eyes* in *The Tourist*.

Does a career in musicals beckon?

I would say... probably not. I did four jobs in a row that I sang in – that's plenty, although



GROWING STRONG
Jamie Dornan's career is going from strength to strength



HAPPY COUPLE
With his wife Amelia Warner

I do kind of enjoy it. I was actually meant to do a musical a couple of years ago, but schedule-wise we couldn't make it happen. I love the variety of this job, and so far I've been able to enter a lot of different worlds – so if that means ending up in a musical, then so be it.

As young actors, you and housemate Eddie Redmayne

were good friends with Batman (Robert Pattinson), Spider-Man (Andrew Garfield) and Daredevil (Charlie Cox). Do you harbour any ambitions to squeeze into superhero latex yourself?

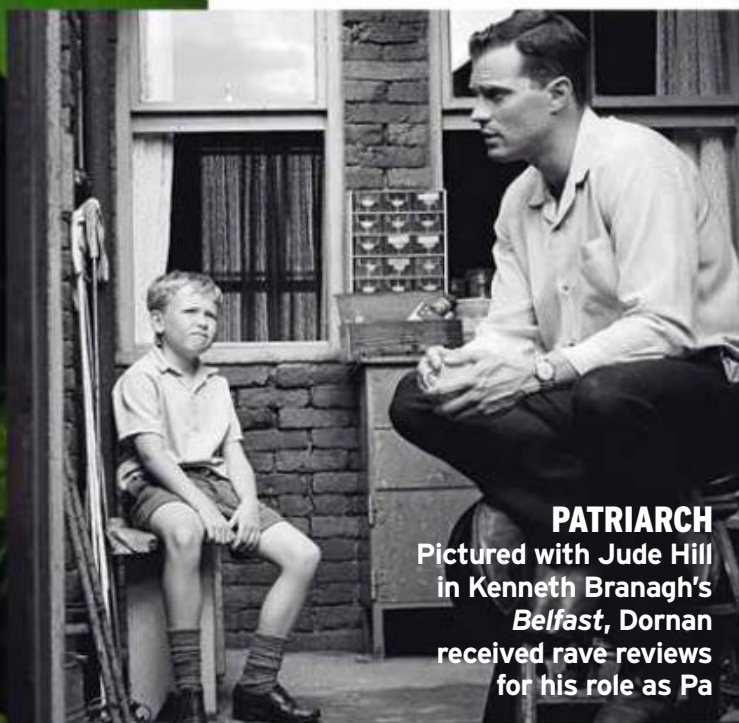
I'd definitely be interested, though you don't hear a lot of good things about the comfort of those suits. It's weird how all the American superheroes are British. Back then,



‘I don’t regret *Fifty Shades*... If I was talking to you from a bedsit, it would be a different story’

we were all young actors from the other side of the pond, trying to make it in LA. We were always going up for the same jobs, and none of us getting them. For a while it looked like it wasn’t going to work out, but we all came out of it OK. So far...

You said recently there are jobs you wish you hadn’t taken – “but



PATRIARCH
Pictured with Jude Hill in Kenneth Branagh’s *Belfast*, Dornan received rave reviews for his role as Pa

probably not the one you’re thinking”. What could you possibly be referring to, Jamie?

I don’t know. It was probably me trying to weasel my way out of answering an awkward question. Which I’m trying to do right now!

So you’re saying you have no regrets about making the *Fifty Shades of Grey* trilogy?

I wouldn’t have much reason to regret those films. If I was talking to you now from a bedsit having not worked in seven years, it would be a different story. But I’m not.

Your name often comes up as a potential James Bond. Are you able to take it seriously?

Of course it’s nice to be in those conversations. If you’re an actor of a certain age who’s had a good year, there’s an inevitability about it [being mentioned]. But they’ll probably replace Daniel Craig with somebody who’s never been on one of those lists.

You recently turned 40 – how are you feeling about that?

I feel great about it. I’m in a good place at work and at home, and I haven’t started sprouting hairs out of my nose yet. I’m standing here with three healthy kids and a beautiful wife and a good career. I don’t have a lot to complain about. I feel my life has been marked out by decades: I moved to London when I turned 20, I modelled for ten years, and then my acting career kicked off at 30, and I got married and had children. That makes me even more excited about my 40s. I honestly feel like I haven’t even begun. **PAUL KIRKLEY**

The Tourist is available to watch on iPlayer until the end of December

WHAT IT’S LIKE...

to be a cinematographer

How *The Tourist*’s Ben Wheeler brought Jamie Dornan’s Aus-dyssey to life

IT’S A CRAFT, NOT AN ART

A cinematographer, or director of photography (DoP), essentially helps put the director’s vision on screen. Some directors are incredibly visual, others are more story-based. Either way, I use my technical knowledge of camera

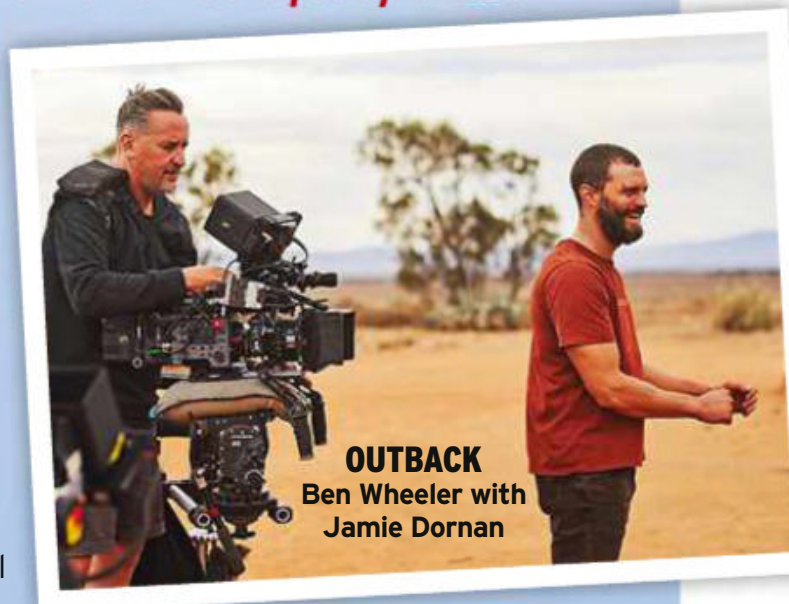
lenses, camera movement, lighting, composition and so on to set up the shots they need. The director is more of an artist; the DoP is more of a craftsman.

TIME IS MONEY

At the start of a scene, I’ll work with the director and the cast to decide on their positions. I then walk around with a viewfinder and decide on shots and lenses. One of my team, called a key grip, is with me and puts marks on the floor where I want the camera to be. The grips will then set up the cameras, and I’ll work with the lighting team on what quality of light we want. The process needs to go smoothly, because time is expensive on set!

IT CAN GET MESSY

We shot *The Tourist* in the Australian outback. The scenery was a gift, but it was a challenging process, with lots of heat and dust. We shot one scene that was set in a dust storm using huge fans and big buckets of red dust; they basically just blasted them at me. I was shooting handheld, to get across the disorientation of Jamie Dornan’s character, and I was covered in this red paste. It got everywhere.



OUTBACK
Ben Wheeler with Jamie Dornan

EVERY DECISION MATTERS

HBO’s *The Baby* [which I also worked on] is a more domestic show than *The Tourist*. There was an episode where we wanted to show a mother who felt trapped in patriarchal suburbia. We shot through doors or windows to box her into spaces and made sure the camera remained rigid. When she escaped, we switched to handheld, and flooded the screen with lots of air, sunlight and movement, to get across that sense of freedom. Everything is in service to the story.

I STARTED YOUNG...

I stumbled upon cinematography aged 13 through the Children’s Film Unit [an 80s initiative that offered children the chance to learn about film-making]. I left school after GCSEs knowing that it was what I wanted to do. I had no formal training beyond the CFU and no contacts within the industry. But thanks to a combination of hard work and social sacrifice, including gaining experience through unpaid work, I’ve made my dream come true.

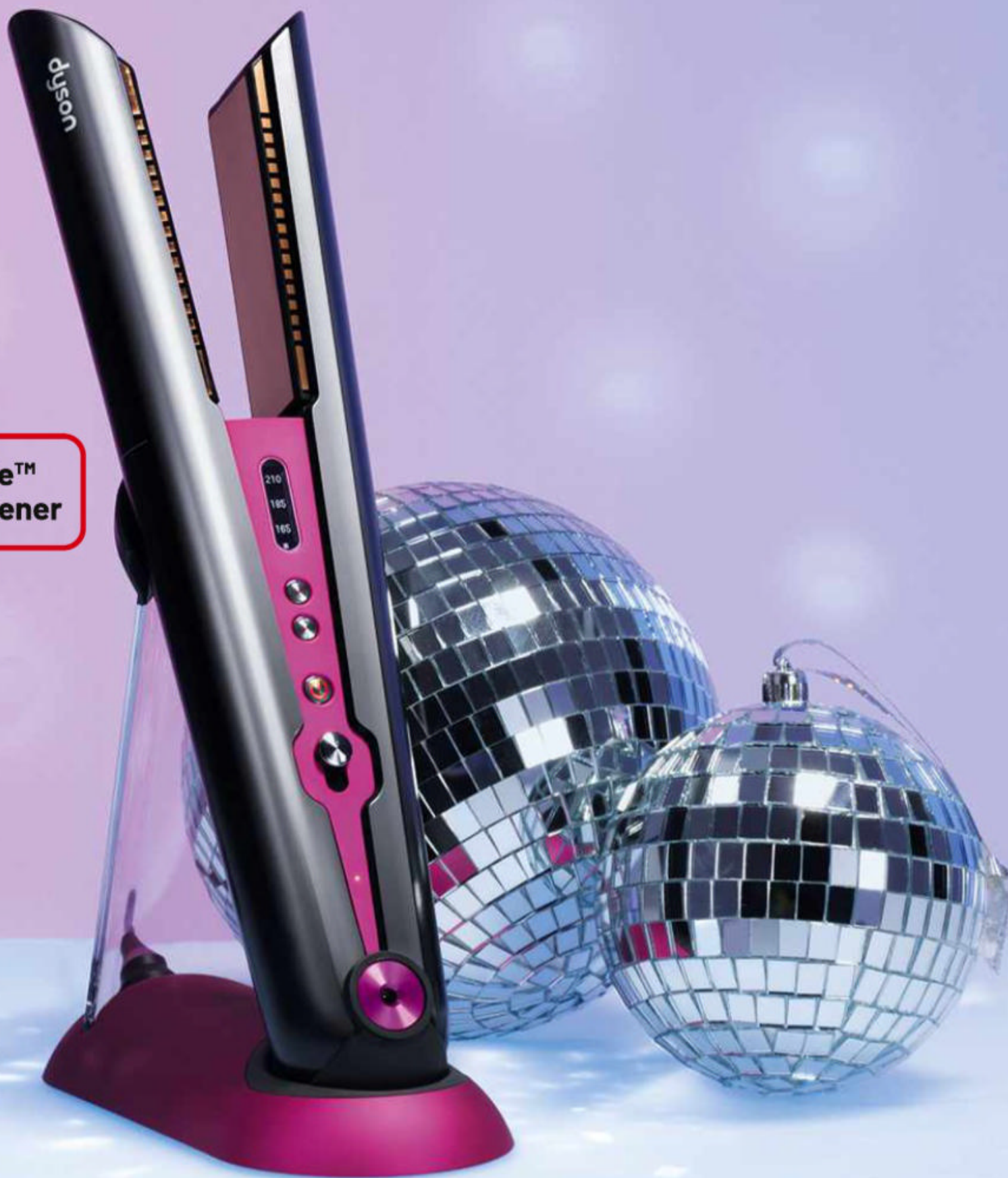
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VIEWPOINT

THE ART OF PEELING POTATOES

Spuds can make Christmas special, says **Marco Pierre White** – if you handle them with care



YOU DON'T HAVE to spend a fortune this Christmas to eat well. You can feast on the simplest of ingredients. When I was a young boy, my favourite meal would come round only once a year, on New

Year's Eve. That meal was sausage on a bed of lentils with creamed potatoes on the side. It was that simple.

I believe in classic combinations of flavour that have been cooked for decades; in refinement, not in invention. I enjoy feeding people more than I do cooking, but I have to do the cooking to be able to feed them. So give yourself time this Christmas Day, just as you are giving time to those who will enjoy your food. A moment of thought in the preparation stage of cooking will pay back many times over once the dish has been cooked. Take that extra moment to consider and question what it is you are cooking and how you are cooking it.

And remember, a feast is not a real feast without a potato dish. The potato is more than just padding – more than just a filler – it is a special ingredient that should be treated as such. From picking your potatoes to serving them, pay attention to them.

Even the simple act of peeling should be carried out with the greatest respect towards the raw ingredient and your end dish. Perfection is lots of simple things done well. Peeling might just be peeling to others, but I regard it as an art form. Let the peeler do the work – your hand is

only there to guide. I peel my spuds from top to bottom, gently and methodically; it retains the shape and preserves the quality. For great roast potatoes, use clarified butter. This is simply butter that has been melted, either on the hob or in the microwave. Once it is liquid, let the solids settle to the base of your pan or container and

‘Peel from top to bottom to retain the shape and preserve the quality’

pour off the clear golden fluid from the top. That is clarified butter – simple.

Before roasting the potatoes, get to know your oven. Every oven is different. Each one circulates its heat in a different way and it is up to you to learn its foibles.

Making mashed as well as roast potatoes? Use butter generously. Do not skimp. Butter is a joy to cook with and a joy to eat. Life without butter is not a life. Calories taste delicious.

Also, do not follow recipes blindly. All ingredients and recipes are different; your skill must be the common factor. I use one knife for almost every recipe, and that is all you will need.

I recommend investing in a good quality chef's knife and a small “office” knife for the more fiddly jobs. Keep them clean and keep them sharp, and they will be the only knives you will ever need.

Make sure you maintain your pans properly – try never to scratch the surface with metal utensils and avoid putting them in the dishwasher. Finally, microwaves do have their place in the world of gastronomy and you'll find them in every three-star kitchen. Don't be narrow-minded. Remove the blinkers.

SOME PEOPLE PLACE too much importance on the presentation of dishes, but never forget it's all about the eating, so let generosity be your presentation. If you can't be generous on a plate, how can you be generous with flavour? Season food generously, season hard, and season to the max. At the end of the day, cooking is all about feeding and eating. It's not a popularity competition and it's not about image. It's about putting food in your mouth and either enjoying it or not. It's that simple.

Marco Pierre White's BBC Maestro courses on *Delicious Food Cooked Simply* and *Delicious Vegetarian Cooking* are available now on bbcmaestro.com



SPUDS YOU'LL LIKE
The secret to great roast potatoes is to use clarified butter

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THIS WEEK IN RT... 11-17 DEC 1965

Not all sitcoms with big names are hits. The pedigree of BBC1's *Barney Is My Darling* couldn't be faulted: co-starring the great Irene Handl and Bill Fraser, produced by comedy's steady hand James Gilbert and written by Marty Feldman and Barry Took. The writers introduced the show to readers in *RT*: “Having secured the interest of our stars, we had to

find characters and situations that would suit their personalities. This is what we came up with: Ramona and Barney Pank, although married since 1940, have been separated for most of their married lives, and find that in middle age they are practically strangers to each other.”

Mmm, OK, it's starting to make sense why it only ran for six episodes. **MARK BRAXTON**

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Jane Garvey ON THE BOX

SO GOOD THEY NAMED IT THRICE

Why is *Location, Location, Location* still my des res?

I HAVE LIVED IN the same house for over 20 years. It's seen me through seven prime ministers, a divorce, a pandemic, long afternoons queuing in my daughters' pop up "post office" to "buy stamps", teenage door-slamming, box-set binges and that time I got confused between eye drops and the stuff that dislodges earwax. I know my neighbours, public transport links are brilliant, I live near a shop that barely shuts and sells everything, and a dry cleaner that shortens trousers. I'm five foot one; this is an essential service.

My interest in moving is negligible. I hope to be one of those redoubtable ladies carried out in a box. I'm not going anywhere. So why am I watching *Location, Location, Location*? So good they named it thrice. And now in what may well be its 150th series on Channel 4 (Wednesday).

The hosts, Kirstie Allsopp and Phil Spencer, play a large part in the show's enduring appeal. She's brisk and authoritative; he's old-school charm, always just the right side of smarmy. You would want these two in your corner, finding your dream home. Their relationship has a reassuring quality: they're the siblings who know they're stuck together for life so are making the best of it. They pretend to find each other slightly wearing, but I refuse to believe they're not chums. (If you know otherwise, frankly, I don't want to know.)

Why does the show work so well? The obvious pull is that it's a chance to dream – to fantasise about a change

you may have no desire to make. Although for those trying to get on the property ladder it may be more of a nightmare. Because increasingly we see Phil and Kirstie planning moves that half their audience could never afford.

In an episode set on the south coast of England, the beaches were gorgeous, the sun beat down, but reality had begun to bite. Ellen, 23, is looking for her first home, with the help of an inheritance from her grandmother. Sophie and Matt, a young couple with a beautiful baby, are staying

'Kirstie is brisk and authoritative; Phil is the right side of smarmy'

with her obliging mum and have £600,000 to spend. They are all fortunate people. But this is a property "hot spot". Prices were up 13 per cent in a year; you must move quickly. "The market's crazy," says Phil solemnly. "It can't go on like this," agrees Kirstie. She gets cross with Sophie and Matt, who have already seen 100 houses. Yes, 100.

Might they be a tad fussy? Taken to see a house on the market for £550,000 in Broadstairs, they recall looking at the place next door last

year, when it was on for £475,000. By the end of the show they were still ruminating – I'd begun to suspect Sophie's mum was a cordon bleu chef. Or a turbo-charged Mary Poppins. Or both.

ELLEN WAS SLIGHTLY easier to please. She wanted a characterful abode close to the centre of Margate's LGBTQ+ community. Phil showed her a beautiful one-bedroom flat in the Old Town for £210,000. "This is it! Move quickly!" I bawled. Ellen prevaricated. Where would her mum sleep? "In an Airbnb round the corner!" said Phil quite sharply, as assertive as he ever gets. She saw sense, thank goodness.

If *Location, Location, Location* features people who have done all right for themselves, the show Channel 4 chose to follow it with – *Grand Designs: House of the Year* – came from another planet entirely. What do I know about architectural genius? Nothing, clearly. But I do know when a house looks ugly. There, I've said it. Michelle Ogundehin went to inspect a seaside home named Seabreeze – she described it as "a pink fondant fancy". There was a floor that looked like shingle, triple-glazing and a spa at the back with an "ample jacuzzi". Thank goodness. Now add a dose of reality salts. Quickly.



DREAM TEAM
Kirstie Allsopp and Phil Spencer in Kent

SHORE THING
Michelle Ogundehin and the Seabreeze house



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CHRISTMAS FILMS SPECIAL

**AVATAR: THE
WAY OF WATER**
in cinemas Friday

ALL ABOUT

AVATAR

JAMES CAMERON, THE most successful film director of all time, is fully aware that after 13 years the appetite for a new *Avatar* movie may not be as strong as it once was.

"It may all fall on its ass, right?" he says, laughing. "You'd be foolish not to feel some apprehension. But I think there's a nostalgia factor at play here from people who know the first film, and a curiosity factor on the part of young people who want to know what all the fuss was about back then. The teaser trailer we dropped in May got more views than any *Star Wars* trailer. It's ours to lose."

Cameron, now 68, is no stranger to taking big risks. Just take his 1997 behemoth *Titanic*, which at one point was so over budget that it looked as though it would sink his career. Or indeed 2009's original *Avatar*, at the time a

baffling prospect: a science-fiction film made almost entirely on a virtual soundstage, about a paraplegic marine called Jake Sully who travels to a distant moon called Pandora. Once there, he is charged with piloting an avatar, a remote-controlled body based on the world's indigenous blue aliens, the Na'vi. As of this year, the film has made \$2.9 billion – a box-office record yet to be beaten.

Cameron could have churned out a sequel straight away, but he took a step back – highlighting the plight of indigenous people and diving to the bottom of the Mariana

THINKING BIG
James Cameron
has already filmed
three sequels
to *Avatar*



FEELING BLUE
Sam Worthington's Jake Sully (right) returns in the new film and meets Ronal (Kate Winslet)

Hollywood box-office king **James Cameron** says the sequel to his \$2.9-billion-grossing sci-fi hit *Avatar* is a risk worth taking. But why's it been so long in the making?

Trench, the deepest part of the planet. When he finally got to work on a sequel in 2013, he wrote 12,000 pages of notes, ending up with enough material for four new films (making five in total). He's shot three already.

"My friend Arnold Schwarzenegger," he says casually, "has this motto: 'You programme yourself for success.' You assume success and you make all your decisions in the interim on the basis that it will be successful. So I didn't make up a new story the day after I had a hit movie. I planned it out ahead of time."

Avatar: the Way of Water picks up more than a decade after the first film, which ended with Sam Worthington's Jake permanently becoming one of the Na'vi. He has since settled down with Zoe Saldana's Neytiri and their

children in the Na'vi's rainforest home. In a surreal twist, one of these kids is played by 73-year-old Sigourney Weaver, who – through the magic of performance capture technology – plays 14-year-old Kiri.

While *Avatar* sold itself on its novel spectacle, Cameron is keen to emphasise the sequel's focus on emotion and character.

"I've been married for 22 years," says the director, who married former actor Suzy Amis

'It may all fall on its ass. You'd be foolish not to feel apprehension'

JAMES CAMERON

in 2000. "I have five kids, three of them fully grown. In this film, Jake is caught between saving the planet or his family. And we all have to make those decisions. Am I going to vote for the person who's more likely to keep me in a job, or the one that stops climate change?"

As Jake's family seeks refuge from an old foe, the film introduces the coastal Metkayina clan, a species of Na'vi who have physically adapted to life at sea. For Cameron, this meant a reunion with his *Titanic* leading lady Kate Winslet, who plays Metkayina matriarch Ronal.

"I think Kate came out of *Titanic* a bit traumatised by the scale of the production and her responsibility within it," he says. "We've both been eager over time to work together again, to see what the other is about at this point in our lives and careers. She's very large and in charge on set. You'd swear she was producing the film!"

WINSLET HAS SPOKEN before of her difficult relationship with Cameron, who had a reputation as a perfectionist with a terrifying temper. In 1997, she told the *Los Angeles Times* that during the filming of *Titanic*, "there were moments I was genuinely frightened of him." In the run-up to *The Way of Water*, however, she has been speaking of a changed James Cameron.

"It was so wonderful to work with Jim again," she told *The Hollywood Reporter* earlier this year. "Time has changed him... He is a calmer person."

Does he agree? "I am definitely a lot more mellow now," Cameron says. "That doesn't mean I don't have a bad day from time to time, but I know to rein that in now. Some people come by that innately, I had to learn it."

This newfound sense of calm has made Cameron "absolutely realistic and sanguine" about the future of his planned *Avatar* franchise. "It's simple," he says. "If *Terminator 1* had failed, there wouldn't have been a *Terminator 2*. It's possible, maybe even probable, that in our post-Covid, streaming marketplace we won't be able to achieve the levels that make [four more *Avatar* movies] a sound business proposition."

Cameron has confirmed that for *Avatar: the Way of Water* to be profitable, it would have to be "the third or fourth highest-grossing film in history". If it isn't, he will be forced to wrap up the story in three movies, rather than five. But he's still bullish about the future.

"I really want to make those movies," he says. "I want to go big or go home." **STEPHEN KELLY**



CINEMA AT SEA
Cameron with Kate Winslet and Leonardo DiCaprio on the set of *Titanic*

CHRISTMAS FILMS SPECIAL

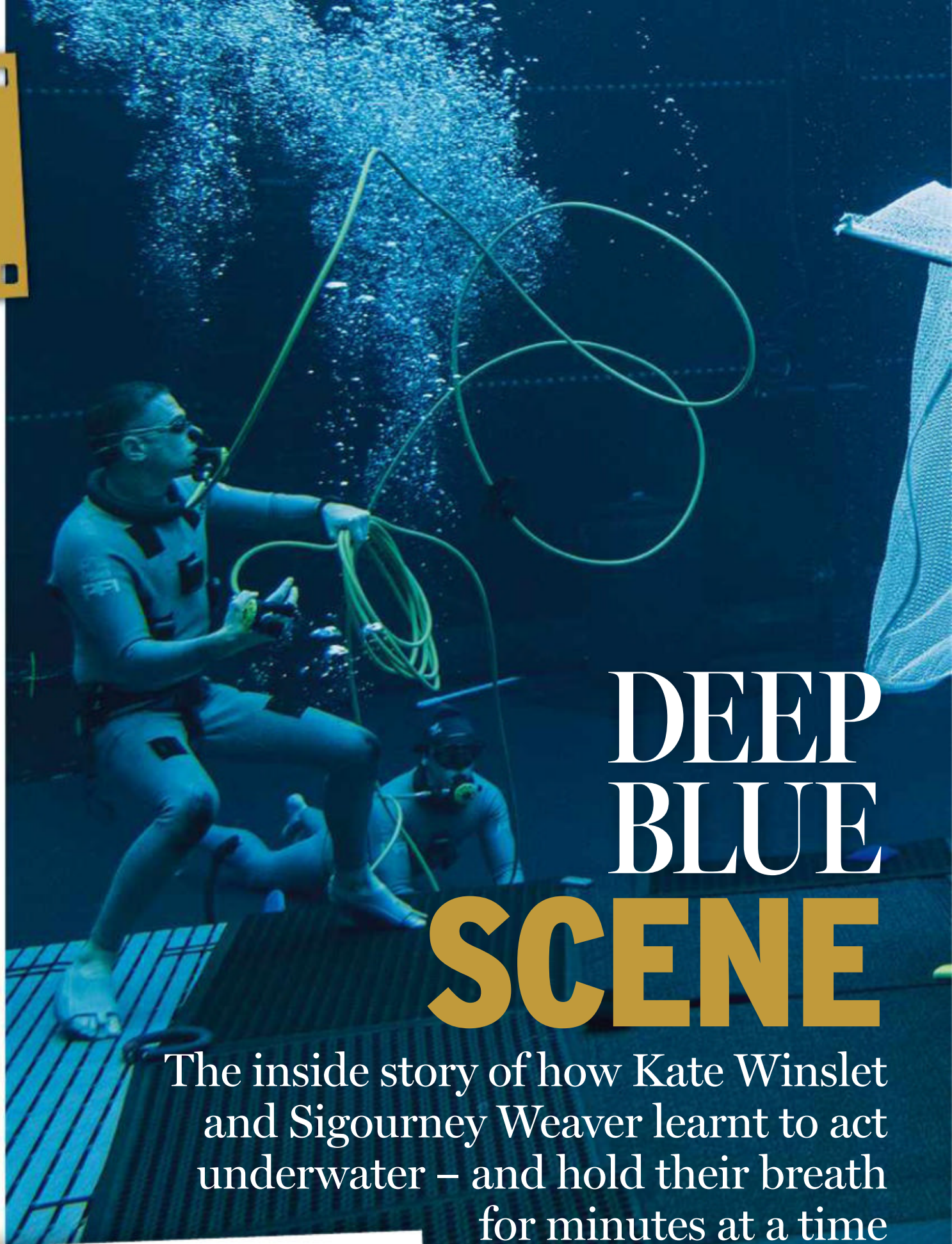
FOR THE CAST of *Avatar: the Way of Water*, a return to Pandora meant a return to performance capture technology – the technique through which an actor's movement and facial expressions are used to bring their entirely digital Na'vi character to life.

Onscreen it's seamless, but behind the scenes there's a catch – to capture the nuances of an actor's performance, they must wear special dotted bodysuits and heavy head-rigs, fitted with cameras that are trained on their faces at all times.

"I remember it only bugged me for the first week of the first *Avatar*," says Zoe Saldaña. "After that you forget about it. It's a much more traditional way of getting into character. It's very theatre-like. You have to rely a lot on your imagination."

But *The Way of Water* presented the actors with an even more daunting challenge: to get the look right they also had to perform underwater for prolonged periods of time, without the use of breathing apparatus, which would have obstructed the facial capture process. Instead, the cast had to learn how to act while holding their breath – often in scenes that would last minutes at a time.

"This is the biggest diving water movie of all time," says Kirk Krack, a freediving instructor who was tasked with training the cast to hold their breath like a Navy SEAL. "This isn't just short little 30-second sequences in the water. You have actors like Sigourney Weaver doing very active three-minute breath holds. And



DEEP BLUE SCENE

The inside story of how Kate Winslet and Sigourney Weaver learnt to act underwater – and hold their breath for minutes at a time



GOING UNDER
Winslet (left) and Weaver on set in their motion-capture suits

because some of their characters were born in the water, they needed to look as natural as possible. So no holding your breath with your cheeks puffed!"

For months, Krack put the cast through an intense training regime in order to increase their breath-hold times. His main training technique is called "static apnea". "We build your overall best breath-hold time ever, lying face down, on dry land."

Holding your breath out of water is harder, but less dangerous, than practising underwater, so Krack uses these breath-hold times to calculate what will be needed for a scene. "Activity reduces your breath-hold time," he says. "So if you can do six minutes on dry land, then I know that if we put some action into a scene, we can probably get around three minutes underwater."

Filming took place in an enormous, elaborate water tank, using pumps to simulate waves and currents. Each



LIFE AQUATIC
Kate Winslet shoots a scene while holding her breath underwater

‘This isn’t little sequences in water. You have actors like Sigourney Weaver doing three-minute breath holds’

**KIRK KRACK,
FREEDIVING
INSTRUCTOR**



DIVING DEEP
Winslet learnt to freedive for her role as a leader of a Na’vi reef clan

actor was shadowed by a safety diver, while Krack himself was on hand to give the actors a mix of oxygen and nitrogen (nitrox) before their dives. “It leads to slightly longer times and can negate the risk of hypoxia,” he explains.

Even so, for the cast, performing 30 feet underwater was a challenge. “It was probably the most difficult thing I’ve ever had to do,” Sam Worthington says. “The freediving techniques we learnt helped, but you still have to overcome your panic. It was worth it, though. The audience can

tell that the actor is underwater just by how their body is moving. You can’t replicate that with wires.”

Some actors, however, turned out to be naturals. “Kate Winslet is just a water person at heart,” says Krack. “She did exceptionally well. She had a really long, complicated scene to prepare for and she had a competitive aspect to her, she wanted to really get good at it.” There has even been speculation that Winslet’s top time of over six and half minutes broke the freediving acting record held by Tom ‘does-his-own-stunts’ Cruise.

“Everyone wants to know that,” laughs Krack. “What I will say is that Kate was on a nitrox mix before that dive. When I trained Tom for *Mission: Impossible*, he did six minutes on just normal air. So it’s a bit different. That’s not to take anything away from Kate, though. Even with a nitrox mix you’re fighting the urge to breathe. It’s all her hard work and determination.” **SK**

PARENTS OF PANDORA

Zoe Saldña and Sam Worthington on returning as *Avatar*’s star couple

Australian actor Sam Worthington, now 46, had tried and failed for many years to break into Hollywood. He even auditioned for the role of James Bond in *Casino Royale* – “I would have been another George Lazenby,” he jokes.

But in 2009, he auditioned for Jake Sully in *Avatar*. The studio didn’t want him, but James Cameron believed in him.

“That man changed my life,” Worthington says. “If the boss says, ‘Jump,’ I jump. I’m his soldier.” He’s already on board for Cameron’s proposed five-movie saga: “I’ve read the scripts. I know exactly where we’re going.”

“I’ve grown a lot in my career thanks to *Avatar*,” says co-star Zoe Saldña, who plays Jake’s wife Neytiri. “The test when it came to the sequel was time. We were always waiting.”

When the call finally did come 13 years later, Worthington and Saldña had grown in parallel with their characters. Jake has changed: he’s a father, not a wild warrior, and Worthington can relate. In 2014, he married model Lara Bingle, and now has three children.

“When you’re young, you can risk it all,” he says. “But as soon as you become a dad, your head’s on a swivel, because you’re always looking out for them.”

Saldña is also now a parent of three since *Avatar*, after marrying Italian artist Marco Perego in 2013, and agrees with her co-star.

“When you love something more than your life, it puts things that were a priority into a second perspective. So I was definitely able to use my personal life to relate to Neytiri.” **SK**



CGI STARS
Zoe Saldña and Sam Worthington and their characters (top)



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Daniel Craig, Alisha Weir
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MORE NEW FILMS

Detectives, divas and dark puppet stories – there's plenty to choose from in cinemas and on streaming

GLASS ONION: A KNIVES OUT MYSTERY

Available on Netflix from 23 December

Daniel Craig returns as sleuth Benoit Blanc in this sequel to 2019's acclaimed whodunnit *Knives Out*. This time, Blanc is in Greece with a new gang of suspects including **Edward Norton** and **Kate Hudson**.

version of the Roald Dahl classic gets a foot-stomping big-screen adaptation, starring **Emma Thompson** as Miss Trunchbull and **Alisha Weir** in the title role.

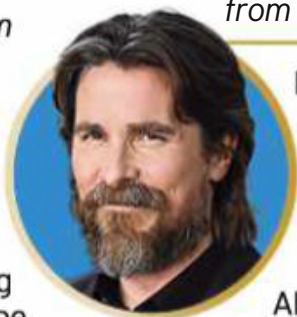
"Matilda uses stories to escape into magic," explains composer and co-creator Minchin. "We get to go with her in the film in a way that you can't do on stage."

of a myth that we all understood," says **Jake Gyllenhaal** (below), who voices reluctant farmer-turned adventurer Searcher Clade. "But the story also came so intimately from our director Don Hall's family. His father's a farmer, and so he brought a lot of those struggles I think he has within his own family. I was really moved by it."

THE PALE BLUE EYE

In cinemas from 23 December; on Netflix from 6 January

A detective (**Christian Bale**, right) teams up with the young Edgar Allan Poe (**Harry Melling**) to solve grisly murders around the West Point US Army training academy. "I loved the notion of the Poe origin story, just thinking: how did Poe become this fascinating figure?" Bale tells *RT*. "It's historical fiction in that Poe really did go to West Point – there just weren't all these murders!"



Photographer and film-maker **Mary McCartney** directs a new documentary about the famous Abbey Road

recording studios, with contributions from the likes of Elton John, Shirley Bassey and – of course – her dad Paul.

STRANGE WORLD

In cinemas now; coming soon to Disney+

Disney's latest family-friendly animation sees three generations of explorers journey to the centre of their world in a day-glo riff on Jules Verne-style adventures. "Obviously it's sort



I WANNA DANCE WITH SOMEBODY

In cinemas from 26 December

British actor **Naomi Ackie** busts out her best high notes in this glossy biopic that tells the story of ill-fated singer Whitney Houston.

GUILLERMO DEL TORO'S PINOCCHIO

Available on Netflix from 9 December

The Oscar-winning director creates a dark, stop-motion take on the classic fable, set in Mussolini's Fascist Italy. "Guillermo tells a dark, adult story," **Christoph Waltz**, who voices the villainous Count Volpe, tells *RT*. "But he beautifully employs a fairy tale to do it. It's brilliant."

SPIRITED
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CHRISTMAS FILMS SPECIAL

FESTIVE SPIRITS

Nineteen years after his first Christmas comedy *Elf*, **Will Ferrell** is hoping he's made another festive hit – with a little help from **Octavia Spencer**.

What's your favourite Christmas movie?

WILL I love *It's a Wonderful Life* and *A Christmas Story*.

OCTAVIA *Love Actually*.

Your new film, *Spirited*, is an adaptation of Dickens's *A Christmas Carol* – what's different about your version?

WILL We're irreverent, making fun of how many versions there are of *A Christmas Carol*. *Spirited* is really the story of the ghosts and how, every year, they decide who their Scrooge is going to be. My character, Christmas Present, is wondering out loud if their actions are doing any good. **OCTAVIA** Christmas is a chance to fill your cup back up with goodness and kindness. The film is about love and gratitude. If we all do a little good, there's a ripple effect that impacts everyone.

WILL It's also a chance to slow down – take some time to remember how important your relationships are with good friends and family. And, most importantly, to never pay retail prices. Wait for the sales.

Octavia, this is different from the sort of films that we usually see you in...

OCTAVIA It was a way to stretch and to be challenged. But I didn't know I would stretch this much! The role required a lot of gymnastics, mental and physical. I actually feel like I can do yoga now!

Spirited is also a musical. How did you handle the singing and dancing?

OCTAVIA I'm glad that I only had a couple that I had to learn. Will had to do a lot of the heavy lifting...

WILL There's a fairly short tap dance that took about a month to get down... It was very much three steps forward, two steps back.

Will, after *Elf* did your kids ever ask what it was like meeting Santa?

WILL No. They don't care. My oldest son couldn't finish watching the movie because he got so upset when Buddy had to leave the North Pole. He was like: "I can't take it!"

KELLY-ANNE TAYLOR



TOM BURKE, BY his own admission, is on the verge of alienating half the country. He pauses, then changes direction. "I'm going to sound like such a people pleaser now. I've probably done both, but these days I'd go cream first, then jam." A split second elapses and he panics. "No! I'd go for jam first, then cream! Final answer!"

There is a reason behind this cream-in-tea-rrogation, as the return of *Strike* finds the private detective in Cornwall, spending time with family, although it's no happy jaunt. Holliday Grainger laughs at Burke's answer and then channels her inner gumshoe. "Why these days?" she asks. "What changed?" The 41-year-old quickly replies, "Just turning 40. You think about things more."

We last saw Cormoran Strike and Robin Ellacott in the 2020 story *Lethal White*, and life has changed for the characters as much as it has for the actors playing them. Ellacott is taking charge of her life, although mired in an acrimonious divorce from husband Matthew, while Strike learns his aunt Joan is terminally ill during a visit to her Cornish home. The loss of family is a theme throughout this case; a quiet pint in a harbour for Strike is interrupted by the daughter of Margot Bamborough, a GP who vanished one night in 1974. So begins Strike and Ellacott's first cold case, which draws them into the violent and disturbing underbelly of 70s London.

Both Strike and Ellacott are in new emotional territory throughout *Troubled Blood* and Strike's attitude towards a possible relationship with Robin, says Burke, softens throughout. "At the very beginning of the book he's ▷

PRIVATE EYES?

Holliday Grainger and Tom Burke are back in *Strike*. It's their characters' first cold case, but is their relationship hotting up...

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◁ about as far away as he has ever been in entertaining the idea that it's anything that would be worth exploring, without having awful consequences on the friendship.

"To be around a dying relative, and the finiteness of life, means he does start to feel much more open to the idea of something more," he suggests. "He's more emotionally vulnerable than he has been in the series."

There's greater freedom for Ellacott, too, as she's truly discovering herself. "So much about her relationship with Matthew restricted her. So, for the first time, she's autonomous," explains Grainger. "That changes how she lets herself feel about Strike; there's no barrier to their friendship." That friendship, she says, is built on deep psychological ties: "I think they see themselves in the other one a little bit – part of that is an understanding of the other one's vulnerabilities."

TO CONVEY THAT understanding on screen takes chemistry, which Burke believes is generated by their love for JK Rowling's (writing as Robert Galbraith) books. "People talk about our chemistry and much of it comes from our love for the material. The way JK Rowling tells both their lives, and the life of their friendship, is so detailed – that's what has helped us bring so much detail to that relationship."

The significance of family in this story extends to behind the camera as well, the production a place of comfort for both. "Making *Strike* always feels like coming home," explains Grainger. "This is the job I feel the most content making, because there's a familiarity to it, so it doesn't feel as pressured and that's quite freeing." Burke agrees.

"Home is a nice word for it, because this feels like something we've both put a lot of ourselves into. Despite the fact that both characters are quite traumatised, and there's a whole back story which is very dark for both of them, this is a show which feels very positive – it's about good people doing good things."

Strike may be home, but production involved Burke and Grainger leaving familiar London haunts behind for location shoots, allowing the cast and crew to create an even tighter bond – while trying to kill each other. "When we were in Skegness a load of us went to Laser Quest, which became very competitive," reveals Burke. "We were only going to have one game; at some point we started a tab and I think the staff even stayed late. Holly missed out on that one."

"I'm sad I missed out, but I opted for an early night because I'm that boring now," she jokes. "I had my first or second night ever away from my kids, so I was too excited about a bed and sleep."

Last year Grainger and her partner, the actor Harry Treadaway, had twins. How was that night of peace and quiet? "Oh, joyful," she giggles. "You hold on to these little moments of sleep. So as thrilling as Laser Quest sounded, an early night did a lot of good. It meant I was a little less delirious."

It sounds as though she needed the sleep. She agrees: "A few times during filming I found myself



MUM'S THE WORD
Tom Burke's mother
Anna Calder-Marshall
plays Janice

blurring the boundary between fiction and reality, and whether Tom was Strike or Tom."

What might have made that even stranger for Grainger is that Burke's mother, the actor Anna Calder-Marshall, stars with her son in this new run. "You always get to know someone a lot better when you meet their parents," she laughs. "In

Troubled Blood we see a side of Strike's parentage we haven't seen much of before. For me it was great to meet Tom's parents and feel I was getting to know him in a different way."

BURKE SPEAKS OF his enjoyment at working with his mum, especially as she happened to be on set at the time he needed her the most. "Inevitably during a four-month shoot you'll be hit with the lurgy and our scenes happened to coincide with the day when I was suffering. It was nice to have that extra little bit of sympathy than I normally would have had."

Burke and Grainger have reunited off the back of successful projects. Two of the best shows of 2022 – surveillance drama *The Capture* and time-travel thriller *The Lazarus Project* – have starred Grainger and Burke respectively, and both have highly anticipated films in the works.

Bong Joon-ho, the Oscar-winning director of *Parasite*, has cast Grainger in his adaptation of the sci-fi novel *Mickey7*, where she'll appear with Robert Pattinson, Naomi Ackie and Toni Collette. ▷

TEAM OF TWO

Holliday Grainger
as Robin Ellacott
and Tom Burke as
Cormoran Strike

'People talk of our chemistry. So much of it comes from our love of the material'

◁ The film is shrouded in such secrecy, I'm lucky not to be bundled into a van when I ask what she can share about the project. Instead, she leans forward with a quizzical expression. "Mickey7?" she asks... "I don't think I can without being sued."

Burke, who calls himself a "later bloomer with film" is able to discuss his experience in Australia filming *Furiosa*, the prequel to *Mad Max: Fury Road*, co-starring Anya Taylor-Joy and directed by George Miller.

For all the nightmarish visions in the 2015 film, Miller's demeanour couldn't be more different. "He's spinning about ten plates at the same time while being the most courteous human being you've ever met, so that's impressive in itself," says Burke. "Some of the work was incredibly technical, but I enjoyed that because it was a nice working atmosphere. He creates space for performances for it to feel like an acting piece."

GRAINGER SAYS THAT she now considers filming schedules when it comes to jobs and Burke concurs since his six months in Australia filming *Furiosa*. But there's a point even more pressing when Burke is deliberating over a job. "If it involves wearing a stiff collar, it's got to be really good. I hate wearing a stiff collar. Sometimes you think about the costume because you're going to spend a lot of time wearing it. If it's a toga, it has to be a great script."

That mindset, both of choices and collar rigidity issues, might stem from the advice of his godfather Alan Rickman. "Make the right choices with work," he recalls him saying. "I

'I'd love to see them together; they'd be so good for each other!'

remember him quoting [theatre and film director] Peter Brook, who said, 'Choose your religion carefully.'" Strike is a character Burke is happy living with: "I'd definitely like to go the whole journey with Strike and I know it'll be a weird thing to one day say, 'That's the last one.'"

On that day, you wonder if Strike and Ellacott will be more than partners-in-crime-solving. I ask a question that might take us back to alienating half the country: would they like Strike and Ellacott to be in a relationship? Burke's uncertain. "It's very hard for it to not somehow seem a bit smug. You always need a bit of tension and a bit of dysfunction – that's not to say they wouldn't not have that, but it's a whole other world to get into."

It seems Grainger is a little warmer to the prospect. "I'd love to see them together eventually; they'd be so good for each other!" she laughs. "I'd love to know they would get together one day, but I don't necessarily think I want to see it."



Star of 70s *Confessions* films
Robin Askwith is back in demand on television. Does he know why?

'I LOOKED UP AT THE SKY'

Speaking from the Mediterranean, Robin Askwith seems to be living the dream. He spends most of the year in the sun of Gozo where he lives, when he's not back in the UK enjoying a late career revival...

How did you come by your role in *Strike*?

Fairly out of the blue. I'd just finished working on *The Madame Blanc Mysteries* [for Channel 5] and felt back in the swing of working in front of the camera again. When the *Strike* casting department contacted me, they caught me in a very good place, ready to do quality television. I was a fan of the show, and anyone I mentioned it to said, "You have to go for that." I did a self-tape and it went my way. It's a fantastic part. Steve Douthwaite is one of the main suspects with a shady past, particularly when it comes to women. He's broken. It's a cold case and a younger man plays me as a youngster.

Some say you've swallowed the Benjamin Button pill yourself – what's the secret?

Thank you, I've got good hair! Back in the day, I didn't drink too much, as I worked. Although I had a rock 'n' roll lifestyle, I was a bit like Mick Jagger. I wasn't quite as bad as I made out.



LEARNER
With Chrissy Iddon in the
1976 film *Confessions of a Driving Instructor*

Until recently, you've not been on screen for a while. Is acting like riding a bike?

For 20 years I was working but I wasn't sure what I really wanted, but I kept going, just to exist. And then one day I looked up at the sky and I said, 'I want to do television.' And it happened. I don't take myself seriously, but I take my work seriously. You have to be oiled up, and I don't think I would have been able to take on *Strike* without having done *Madame Blanc* beforehand. For about four weeks before filming, there was no drinking, swimming every day over here in Gozo; I flew over and I felt ready. I fell in love with the camera again, whereas before I wasn't sure I could.

You've been working on film and TV sets for more than 50 years – how's it changed?

Everything's much faster now, there's a new way of making television, so I had to get back in the swing. You have to create the quality a lot more quickly. Gone are the two weeks of rehearsal like the old days. Now you have to turn up on the day and be perfect. And everyone's got better. To use a sporting metaphor, McEnroe couldn't beat Nadal. As an older actor, when I work with someone like Michael Sheen or Tom Burke, I think, 'You guys are really good!' But there are older parts to play, and I'm allowed now to play them.

What's next?

I've shot something else that I can't tell you anything about, but it's pedigree. I'll tell you this: Robert Lindsay wants to be in it.

Even out on your boat, does a day ever go by when somebody doesn't yell out something about window cleaning?

It's odd. I'm more likely to get, "It's that guy from *Benidorm*" now, and I only ever did two episodes.

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PLAYING A BAD COP well might be challenging in TV drama, but for his role as Detective Superintendent Clive Timmons in the story of the poisoning of Alexander Litvinenko, Mark Bonnar had to deal with the opposite problem; playing a good cop well. “It’s a story about good police work,” says Bonnar, “and that is not very usual. Usually cops on TV these days are broken or damaged in some way.”

Instead, Bonnar depicts a man who was simply in the right place at the right time, and plays it straight. End of. “He was the senior officer in charge when the Litvinenko case came in,” says Bonnar. “Special Branch and Anti-Terrorism had been amalgamated a month before. It was one of those random things which landed in his lap.”

Anyone who thinks this might make Timmons a rather dull character to depict is underestimating Bonnar’s subtlety and charisma. He is the sort of actor who can show thoughts going through a character’s mind while saying either nothing, or at least, very little. And the story itself, how a former Russian Federal Security Service officer was murdered by Polonium-210 poisoning in the centre of London, and how the Metropolitan Police tackled the subsequent investigation, is dangerous and complex enough.

Bonnar doesn’t think the story needed any elaboration. “At the time, I don’t think the

‘It was one of those random things – it landed in his lap’

magnitude of the story hit me. There was a huge trail of one of the most dangerous substances known to man, which came over on a plane from Russia and ended up in central London.” But not, however, in a branch of fast-food chain Itsu, the place where it was originally thought Litvinenko had been poisoned. Astonishingly, the drama uses the actual Piccadilly Circus branch of the sushi restaurant as a location. “I suspect Itsu was happy to allow it to be used, in order to set the record straight,” says Bonnar. “The poisoning didn’t happen there after all.”

A familiar face from *Casualty*, *Shetland* and *Catastrophe*, Bonnar got his big break in possibly the most lauded police procedural of recent times, play-

BENT COPPER
Bonnar played
Deputy Chief
Constable Michael
Dryden in *Line
of Duty*

WHO **KILLED** ALEXANDER LITVINENKO?

Mark Bonnar on playing the one-time London bobby who was determined to catch the former Russian agent’s killers

INTERVIEW BY ROSIE MILLARD

ing DCC Michael Dryden in *Line of Duty*. The role was originally going to be played by Robert Lindsay, who apparently left the set after two days due to “creative differences”. Bad for Lindsay, very good for Edinburgh-born Bonnar.

“Three months after auditioning, I got a call saying, ‘The role’s come back, and would you like to meet Jed [Mercurio, who wrote it] and Simon [Heath, executive producer]?’ so I did. Immediately I walked in, I was being asked about dates and availability. It was clear I wasn’t going to have to re-audition, it was as if it was already a done deal.”

The part was career-defining, Bonnar acknowledges. “It was a

turning point for me. It was and still is a fantastic show, a bit of a game changer for British television. To be in it near the beginning was a great privilege.” Now here he is, back in the squad, but playing a real policeman, DS Clive Timmons, who began his career as a bobby on the beat in north London. A man who will be an actual viewer.

“Every time I think about that, I find myself getting really nervous and hoping I’ve done a good job,” admits Bonnar. “I recorded lots of Clive speaking because I had to get his London accent right.” He’s done a good job; his soft Edinburgh burr is completely overwhelmed by London estuary.

Bonnar, 54, is often described as “a Scottish actor”, and with good cause. He lives in England with his actor wife Lucy Gaskell, but is still in

‘A STORY THAT HAD TO BE TOLD’

David Tennant says the drama had to begin with the iconic hospital photo

It's the picture that in 2006 went round a shocked world: Alexander Litvinenko, bald, jaundiced, swathed in a green robe, angrily dying in a London hospital after being poisoned by radiation. David Tennant plays Litvinenko: "I remember it happening, being appalled, bewildered and shocked. It felt like a story that had to be told, the terrible truth of what was attempted by this gangster. The most important thing we can do is tell the story again and again, because that way, Putin loses."

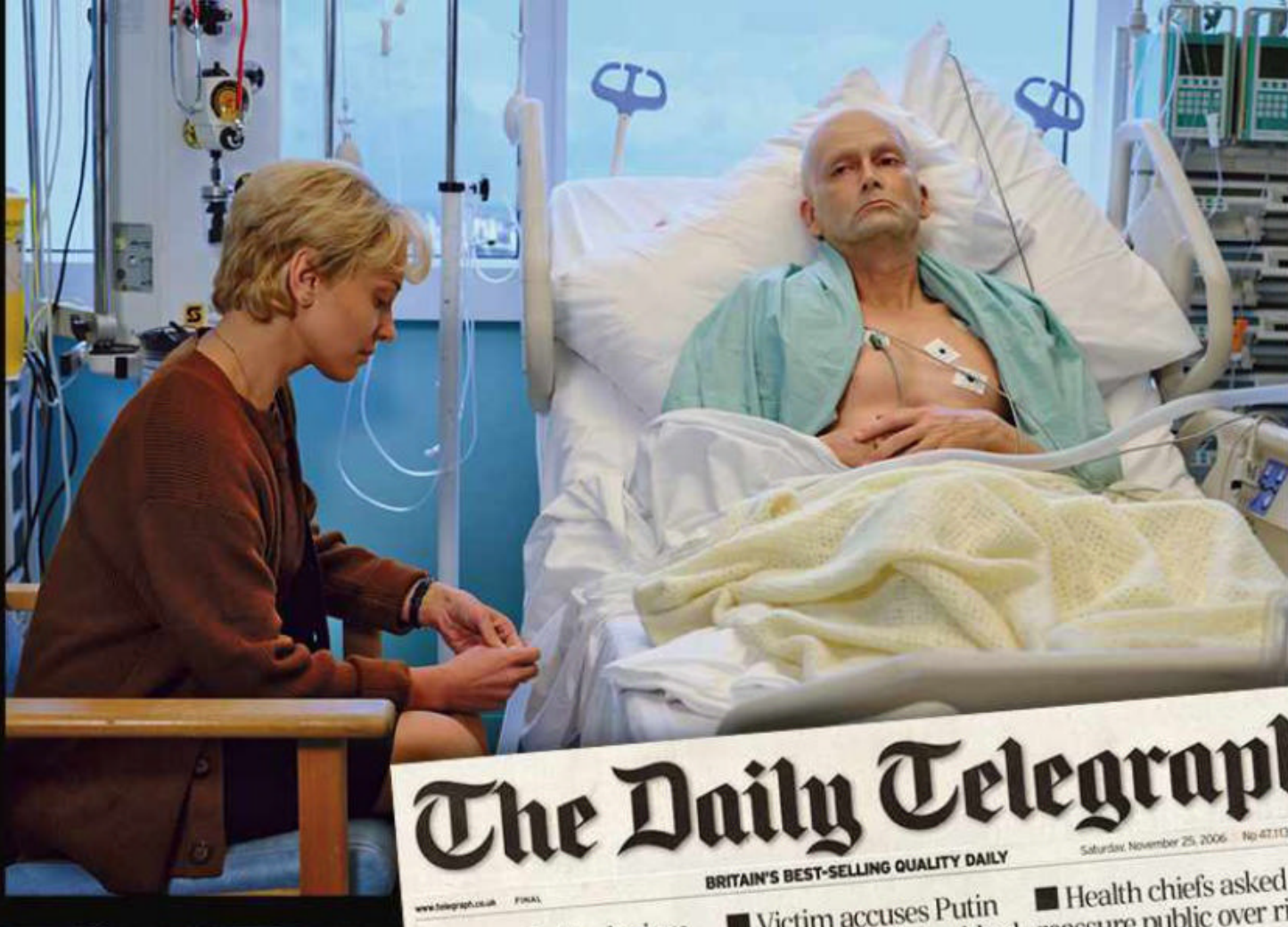
The starting point of the drama was to re-create that image, which was achieved with startling realism. "We used an actual hospital room," says Tennant. "The crew were very respectful about the processes that we needed to go through, because it felt very intimate. Even though it was a story with international ramifications."

Director Jim Field Smith explains how he regarded the image as a springboard for the entire film. "It's a picture of a man who is much more than that picture. He was a husband, a father and a man with a sense of conviction. Through that moment, you can open up the rest of the story. The hospital photo is iconic."

Support came from Litvinenko's widow Marina. "It's a very important story to keep alive," she says. "Not just for me, but for Anatoly, our son. It keeps Sasha [Alexander] alive, living with us. And it means his message will be kept alive."

In fact, the production fulfils a prophecy from none other than Litvinenko himself, explains Marina. "When we escaped from Russia, Sasha said, 'This escape is definitely going to become a Hollywood movie.' Frankly, I was thinking more about how we would live another life in the UK, but then Sasha was always a bit more artistic than me."

"It meant so much to us that Marina and Anatoly gave us their blessing," says Tennant. "Because while this is a hugely important story for the world, it's also the story of a couple, and of a family." **ROSIE MILLARD**



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Spy poisoned by radiation

By Ben Fawcett, John Heilbrunn and Duncan Gammell

A RADIATION alert was declared by the Government last night as it was disclosed that a former KGB colonel who died in London had been poisoned by a rare and deadly substance. Alexander Litvinenko, in his last statement before his death on Thursday night, accused President Vladimir Putin of Russia of being responsible for his murder. Security chiefs fear that state-sponsored agents were responsible for the death of the 35-year-old former spy. Mr Litvinenko, whose body was found by police on Monday, was thought to have been poisoned by polonium-210, a rare and deadly substance. Scientists found a "significant" amount of the substance in his body. "Trace" amounts of polonium were also found in his car.



Dying KGB agent's warning to Putin
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SHOCKING

Left: Mark Bonnar as DS Clive Timmons in *Litvinenko*.

Above: David Tennant as Alexander Litvinenko with Margarita Levieva as his wife, Marina.

Right: Litvinenko's poisoning made headlines in 2006

larly by the way they seem to have cornered the market in the weaponisation of social media. And by the fact they can murder British citizens such as Litvinenko with impunity and have continued to do so."

Is he worried about any personal outcomes? "No. I pose no threat to the Russian state! But I think this is an important story to tell and to keep telling. With the invasion of Ukraine, this last year has seen the world grasp what Alexander knew and what Marina Litvinenko has known for a long time, and what many of us have suspected or known."

"It's not the first time atrocious acts have been perpetrated by this country, but all of us have woken up to the fact that when you have Russians in the House of Lords, or who are donors to political parties, these things have to be questioned. If we can provide a platform to a story which is an important part of that jigsaw, then all well and good."

This Christmas he stars in Amazon Prime's *The Rig*, which is very much not a true story, although it is gripping. "It's a supernatural drama set in the North Sea, where an oil rig is enveloped by this weird mist or fog, and about what happens to the people who are exposed to it." Did it require actually being out on the North Sea? "Well, there was an intention to shoot it on an actual rig," says Bonnar, "but the health and safety requirements were just too massive. So they built a whole rig in an Edinburgh warehouse." Good news for this happy Scotsman.

thrill to his home country. "The fact that Scotland is where I was born and raised is hugely important. It made me the man I am today. I love Scotland with a passion. I'm currently in Scotland filming the third series of [BBC thriller] *Guilt*. Working here makes me pine for home, even though I've been down south longer than I've lived in Scotland."

BONNAR MET HIS wife while both were performing in a stage production of Chekhov's *The Cherry Orchard*, and it seems that Russia too, whether via Chekhov or Alexander Litvinenko, has a special place in Bonnar's heart.

"There's been a thread of Russian wool that's gone through my career, it seems. I've become more fascinated by it in recent years, particu-



Festive feasts without the stress

Who needs turkey and Christmas pudding?
Jamie Oliver, Michel Roux and Tom Kerridge
offer up some easy and tasty alternatives



EASY DOES IT
Jamie Oliver is full
of ideas to take the faff
out of Christmas

WHETHER YOU'RE A NOVICE OR a dab hand in the kitchen, preparing a Christmas feast can be a stressful affair. Luckily, Jamie Oliver, Tom Kerridge and Michel Roux are on hand to guide us through.

For a main course, Jamie swaps turkey for festive roast chicken. His verdict? "Bonkersly good." The chicken has a "chestnut crumb that's crunchy and delicious. And then I roast it with butternut squash and you get this amazing

'My gravy is just like Christmas in a spoon'

chestnut gravy which is just like Christmas in a spoon."

For his shredded winter salad, the chef was inspired by his teenage years. "It's something I used to make in my mum and dad's pub. The red cabbage is visually arresting, so nutritious, and really cheap," he says.

Tom tantalises the taste buds with mini sticky toffee puddings that can be prepared ahead of the big day, while Michel offers up something extra – gingerbread biscuits that work equally well as tree decorations. Bon appétit!

SHERNA NOAH



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JAMIE OLIVER'S

Festive roast chicken

honey bacon crumbs, roasted squash,
chestnut gravy & crispy sage

SERVES 6

PREP 10 MINUTES / COOK 2 HOURS

- 2 slices of bread or panettone (100g total)
- 4 rashers of smoked streaky bacon
- 180g vac-packed chestnuts
- olive oil
- 2 butternut squash (1.2kg each)
- 2 red onions
- 2 bunches of sage (40g total)
- red wine vinegar
- 1 x 1.5kg whole chicken
- runny honey



1 Preheat the oven to 180°C/160°C fan/gas 4. Tear the bread into a large shallow casserole pan with the bacon, crumble in just a few chestnuts, add a little drizzle of olive oil, and place on a high heat. Toast for 10 minutes, or until golden and crisp, stirring regularly, then tip into a food processor and leave to cool.

2 Meanwhile, carefully halve each squash lengthways, discarding the seeds. Peel and quarter the onions. Pick most of the sage into a pestle and mortar with a good pinch of sea salt. Pound into a paste, muddle in 2 tablespoons each of olive oil and red wine vinegar, then rub all over the chicken, inside and out.

3 Scatter the onions and remaining chestnuts into the empty casserole pan and sit the chicken on top, tucking the chestnuts underneath it. Place in the oven with the squash halves, cut side up, on the shelf beneath. Roast for 1 hour 20 minutes, or until the chicken is golden and cooked through.

4 Remove the pan from the oven, move the chicken to a large board and leave to rest. Pick the remaining sage leaves, rub with a little oil and lay over the squash halves, leaving them in the oven for another 30 minutes.

5 Generously brush the chicken with honey. Blitz the bread mixture until fine, then evenly sprinkle over and pat onto the chicken. Boil the kettle.

6 Tip the rest of the contents of the casserole pan into the processor, add 300ml of boiling kettle water and blitz until smooth. Pour back into the pan and simmer the gravy to the consistency of your liking, then season to perfection. Move the squash to the board, add lashings of gravy and dig in.

ENERGY	FAT	SAT FAT	PROTEIN
601kcal	30.6g	7.8g	37g
CARBS	SUGARS	SALT	FIBRE
46.6g	20.8g	1g	4.9g

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JAMIE OLIVER'S

Shredded winter salad

roasted grapes & apples, red cabbage, mustard, walnuts & goat's cheese

**SERVES 4 AS A MAIN
OR 8 AS A SIDE**
TIME 42 MINUTES

- 4 eating apples
- 1 head of celery
- 250g seedless red grapes
- olive oil
- red wine vinegar
- 1/2 a red cabbage (500g)
- 1 x 250g packet of cooked mixed grains
- 3 tbsp shelled unsalted walnut halves
- 3 tbsp wholegrain mustard
- 60g crumbly goat's cheese
- optional: extra virgin olive oil

1 Preheat the oven to 220°C/200°C fan/gas 7. Quarter and core the apples, then place in a 25cm x 30cm roasting tray.

2 Click off the outer celery stalks and save for another day, then finely slice the inner part and add to the tray, reserving any inner leaves. Pick in the grapes, drizzle with 1 tablespoon each of olive oil

and red wine vinegar, season with sea salt and black pepper, toss well and roast for 30 minutes.

3 Meanwhile, coarsely grate the cabbage on to a large board or platter. Heat the grains in the microwave according to the packet instructions, then add to the mix and crumble over the walnuts.

4 Spoon over the mustard, drizzle with 3 tablespoons of red wine vinegar, then gently toss together, season to perfection and spread across the board or platter.

5 When the time's up on the roasted fruit, spoon it all over the salad, then crumble over the goat's cheese. Finish with any reserved celery leaves and a drizzle of extra virgin olive oil, if you like.

ENERGY	FAT	SAT FAT	PROTEIN
370kcal	15.5g	4g	10.7g
CARBS	SUGARS	SALT	FIBRE
47.7g	29.7g	1.6g	8.5g



MICHEL ROUX'S

Gingerbread biscuits



- MAKES 40**
- 125g butter
 - 125g dark muscovado sugar
 - 100ml golden syrup
 - 400g plain flour
 - 1 tsp bicarbonate of soda
 - pinch of salt
 - 1 tsp ground cinnamon
 - 2 tsp ground ginger
 - Extra flour for dusting
 - Icing sugar
 - Christmas ribbons

1 Preheat oven to 180°C/160°C fan/gas 4. Place butter, sugar and golden syrup in a small pan over a low heat and stir until the sugar dissolves. Remove from the heat and leave to cool for a few minutes.

2 Place the dry ingredients into a mixing bowl. Pour the sugar and butter mixture into the flour and mix well until a dough forms, adding a little water if need be. Flatten the dough into a disc,

wrap in cling film and place in the fridge to firm up for 30 minutes.

3 When the dough is firm, roll it out on a lightly floured surface until it's around 4mm thick. Using star, Christmas tree and gingerbread cutters, cut the dough into shapes, lift them out carefully using a palette knife and place them onto a lined tray. Re-roll any leftover dough scraps and cut out more shapes. If you want to make Christmas tree decorations, you can create a hole in each one by stamping them with a straw. When ready, place them in the oven for 8–10 minutes or until lightly browned. Remove from the oven and cool on the trays completely.

4 Thread some Christmas ribbons through the holes to hang these on the tree!

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TOM KERRIDGE'S

Christmas sticky toffee puddings

An alternative to traditional Christmas pudding, these mini sticky toffee puddings are a favourite. They can be made ahead and baked just before serving for an indulgent but stress-free dessert.

MAKES 8

PREP TIME 1 HR

COOK TIME 20 MINS

- 200g pitted medjool dates
- 1 tsp bicarbonate of soda
- 185ml boiling water
- 40g mixed peel
- 40g mixed dried fruit
- 40ml dark rum
- 85g softened butter
- 100g light muscovado sugar
- 2 tbsp black treacle
- 2 large free-range eggs
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 175g self-raising flour
- 100ml whole milk
- Extra softened butter for greasing
- Extra flour for dusting

STICKY TOFFEE SAUCE

- 350g light muscovado sugar
- 180g butter
- 450ml double cream
- Vanilla ice cream to serve

1 Preheat the oven to 180°C/160°C fan/gas 4. Chop the dates up roughly and place into a small heatproof bowl. Sprinkle in the bicarbonate of soda, pour on the boiling water and cover. Leave the dates to soften for around 30 minutes.

2 Place the peel and dried fruit into a separate bowl, pour over the rum and leave to soak.

3 Prepare your pudding moulds (8 x 200ml) by brushing the inside of each one with a little butter. Dust the insides with flour, and shake out any excess.

4 When the dates are soft, mash them well with a fork, incorporating the water.

5 Place the butter and sugar into a mixing bowl and beat together with an electric whisk until smooth. Add the treacle and beat again until incorporated. Add the eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition. Add the dates and soaked fruits to the bowl along with the vanilla extract and mix well. Lastly add the flour and milk and fold into the mixture until combined.

6 Divide the batter into the 8 pudding moulds, smooth off the tops with a spoon and carefully place them onto an oven tray. Put the tray on the middle shelf in the oven and cook for 25 minutes.

7 Meanwhile make the toffee sauce by putting the sugar, butter and cream into a saucepan and placing it over a medium heat. Stir well and bring up to a gentle simmer. Continue to stir until the sugar dissolves completely then remove from the heat.

8 When the puddings are cooked, remove them from the oven and leave to cool slightly before turning them out to serve.

9 Alternatively, these can be baked off the day before and heated up just before serving. You just need to place them into a lined roasting tin and cover with foil to prevent them from drying out. Heat them for 8 minutes at 180°C/160°C fan/gas 4.

10 When you're ready to serve, heat the sauce and serve it with the sticky toffee puddings and big scoops of vanilla ice cream.

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FOOTBALL WITHOUT GUILT

The women's game offers a light, bright contrast to the shadows over Qatar



IT'S NOW PART of the pattern of national life: whenever the greed and ghastliness of men's football gets you down, the women's game is there to restore your faith in both football and humanity. Women's

football doesn't need an advertising campaign. The faults and follies of the men's game give it all the promotion you could wish for.

Of course, the players and the action in all forms of football are as compelling as ever, but the men's game is haunted by power-seekers and big-money sordidness, while the women's game is, at least by comparison, a thing of innocence and the simple joy of one team doing its damndest to beat the other.

The World Cup rumbles on in Qatar and it's full of good things. But enjoying the matches is like enjoying a cigarette from a pack covered in health warnings – you can't avoid the fact that your enjoyment is compromised. The football is great fun and occasionally brilliant, but it's impossible to forget that the Qatari stadiums were built on the deaths of migrant workers and Qatari society is built on intolerance.

However, the Women's Super League brings us six matches on Sunday, and no one is going to get booked for wearing a rainbow armband, no spectators will have their rainbow hats confiscated, those that attend can have a beer before the match if they wish, and what's more – or less – they won't have to pay £12.50 for it.

The televised matches feature five teams from the top end of the WSL, with the Manchester derby on BBC1, while Sky Sports brings us Aston Villa v Arsenal and Chelsea v Reading. Chelsea have won the WSL for the past three seasons and are on top of the league as I write.

Women's football continues to bring delight. It has profited greatly from the fact that live Premier League matches are locked away on subscription channels, leaving a gap for football on free-to-air, and that has given the women's



SPEAKING OUT

Arsenal's Leah Williamson is just one of the women footballers turned off by the World Cup

game an exposure that would have been unthinkable in pre-satellite days.

The victory of the England women's team in the European Championship this summer was perhaps the moment when the women's game went mainstream. Since then it has become clear that female footballers have no problem at all with outspokenness and speaking their

'Conditions in Qatar don't ally with things we endorse in the WSL'

IZZY CHRISTIANSEN

minds – their own minds, that is, rather than the minds of sponsors, agents and media managers. If you want to know what the England captain and Arsenal centre-back Leah Williamson thinks, all you have to do is ask her. So what about the World Cup, Leah?

"I'll support the boys, but I haven't got any interest in it as a fan," she told the BBC. "It's a

shame that we are heading into what should be the greatest show on Earth with this huge shadow having over it... I don't quite understand how we got here."

Her England colleague, Izzy (Isobel) Christiansen of Everton, was planning to do some World Cup commentary for Radio 5 Live, but decided against it. "I'm not comfortable with conditions in Qatar," she said. "They certainly don't ally with things we endorse in WSL."

The point is not to use women's football as a stick to beat the men. The point is to revel in the game in its own right – and while the World Cup is being played in a nation that oppresses women, the WSL is a powerful antidote.

Women's football is, quite simply, terrific sport that unites us regardless of the intentions of oppressors. The WSL brings us freedom and joy – a blast of refreshing wind at a time when football needs it most.

Women's Super League: Manchester City v Manchester United Sunday 12.15pm (k/o 12.30pm) BBC1/5 Live/Talksport 2; Aston Villa v Arsenal 3.30pm (k/o 4.15pm), Chelsea v Reading 6.30pm (k/o 6.45pm) Sky Sports Football/Main Event

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West Indies v England

England's women are also in action, playing the first two of five T20s on their tour of the West Indies – not a bad spectacle for a dark December. Sunday, Wednesday 9.30pm **BT Sport 1**

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Litvinenko

All four episodes available Thursday

The murder of Russian ex-spy Alexander Litvinenko made worldwide headlines in 2006, because of who he was – a senior member of Moscow's intelligence services, who had become a UK-based dissident – and because the method used was breathtakingly audacious: poisoning, right in the middle of London, with the lethal radioactive isotope polonium-210. David Tennant plays Litvinenko in ITVX's four-part drama, with his typically precise performance setting us up for a tender, measured piece about the frustrating fight for justice that followed the killing, as hard political realities impede Litvinenko's widow (Margarita Levieva) and two humbly dedicated police/counter-terrorism officers (Neil Maskell and Mark Bonnar) in their quest for the truth. ITVX also has a one-hour documentary on the case, *Litvinenko: the Mayfair Poisonings*.

JACK SEALE

FADING FAST
David Tennant
as Alexander
Litvinenko



EXILES

Tennant with
Margarita Levieva,
who plays Marina
Litvinenko

FIVE MORE ITV TRUE CRIME DRAMAS

Des

BritBox
The ubiquitous David Tennant leads this three-part drama about the crimes of serial killer Dennis Nilsen. Daniel Mays and Jason Watkins co-star.

Manhunt

ITVX
There have been two series of this drama starring Martin Clunes as DCI Colin Sutton, who was instrumental in solving several high-profile cases for the Met.

A Confession

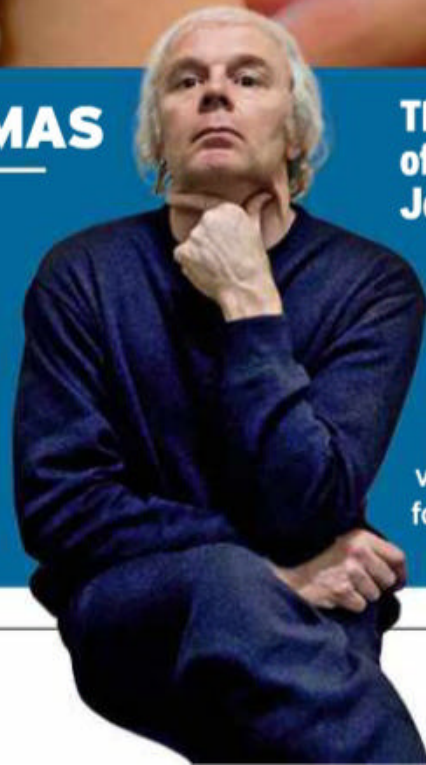
BritBox
Jeff Pope's drama stars Martin Freeman as Steve Fulcher, a detective who risked his career to bring a serial killer to justice.

The Lost Honour of Christopher Jefferies

BritBox
Peter Morgan wrote this drama with Jason Watkins (left) as the former teacher who was wrongly vilified by the media following the murder of Joanna Yeates.

The Pembrokeshire Murders

BritBox
Luke Evans, currently appearing in AppleTV+ action thriller *Echo 3* (see page 41), portrays Detective Superintendent Steve Wilkins, who investigated two unsolved 1980s murders in Wales.



All 4

DRAMA

I Am Ruth

Available from 8 December

Writer/director Dominic Savage opens his third series of *I Am...* with a story developed with Kate Winslet, who co-stars alongside her daughter Mia Threapleton. What begins as a familiar scenario – a teenager wanting nothing to do with her mother – almost instantly becomes a far uglier reality. It's unrelenting and continues to deliver blow after emotional blow as it tackles the dangers of social media in relation to mental health. The tension portrayed through their familial connection is palpable and it's not an easy watch. But then, these *I Am...* dramas never are.

LAURA RUTKOWSKI

See feature: page 28

STRAINED
Ruth and Freya are played by real-life mother and daughter Kate Winslet and Mia Threapleton



BBC iPlayer



ENVIRONMENT

The Earthshot Prize: Repairing Our Planet

Available from 4 December

The Prince of Wales's environmental awards are back for a second year. Winners from around the world receive £1 million to scale up their inventions to help tackle the climate crisis. Finalists include a project that turns desert into farmable land and efforts to create wildlife corridors for orangutans between fragments of habitat in Malaysia. Five winners, described as "innovators, leaders and visionaries", are announced in Boston. **SHERNA NOAH**



FOOD

Stanley Tucci: Searching for Italy

Available now

The insouciant style, charisma and appropriate credentials of Stanley Tucci, the occasional lapse into Italian, glorious locations, a little history and a lot of mouth-watering food... It's no wonder this gem of a series was devoured by those who discovered it. It's a delicious show for foodies and TV travellers alike. The American actor with Italian roots and adventurous taste buds eats his way across the 20 regions of Italy but he also visits London. *Buona mangiata!* **JANE RACKHAM**



DOCUMENTARY

Agatha Christie: Lucy Worsley on the Mystery Queen

Available now

Her reputation may be as a cosy writer who crafted parlour-game mysteries, but Agatha Christie was – according to Worsley – someone who subverted detective fiction in radical ways. In this insightful three-parter, the historian explores Christie's flair for narrative fiendishness by delving into her uneasy childhood before probing her disappearance in 1926. In many cases, the inspiration for her mysteries turns out to be dark and, in one case, tragic. **DAVID BROWN**



MUSIC

6 Music Artist in Residence: AAA Loyle Carner

Available now

Fun fact: Loyle Carner is a foodie, and runs a cookery school for kids called Chilli Con Carner. And true to form, the London rapper arrives at Maida Vale for this 6 Music video special with a pastry in one hand and his new album in his other. The station has been a champion of Carner since his early days and now it's payback time, as he delves into his sonic cookery book to show how he gets his beats (or should that be beets?) so juicy. **GARY ROSE**

Netflix



ANIMATION

Scrooge: a Christmas Carol ★★★★★ PG Available now

A terrific voice cast brings humour and heart to this colourful animated retelling of Dickens's classic tale. Featuring reimagined songs from the 1970 Leslie Bricusse-composed musical, the film follows Ebenezer Scrooge (voiced by Luke Evans) as he is confronted by the spirit of his deceased partner, Jacob Marley (Jonathan Pryce), and the Ghosts of Christmas Past (Olivia Colman), Present (Trevor Dion Nicholas) and Future. Director Stephen Donnelly (*Lost in Oz*) tempers the darker themes with moments of comic relief. **MOLLY MOSS**

SPY THRILLER The Recruit

All eight episodes available Friday
Noah Centineo is best known for teen-focused romantic comedies like *Sierra Burgess Is a Loser* and the *To All the Boys* trilogy, and although he takes a big step up here as the lead in an energetic espionage thriller, he keeps his innocent comic charm. He's 24-year-old rookie lawyer Owen Hendricks, whose first week at the CIA somehow sees him embroiled in a complicated conspiracy prompted by a former asset threatening to leak valuable information. As the bullets and fists fly, Centineo's fresh-faced confidence means nothing is ever taken too seriously.

JACK SEALE



WHAT I'M STREAMING



JAMIE DORNAN

"I started the new series of *The Crown* the other night," says the star of *The Tourist*. "I wasn't as instantly grabbed as I have been in previous seasons, but I think that often happens with this show – it takes you a while to adjust to new people playing the characters. As good as they all are, it's always a bit jarring. But I'll stick with it, because I know how gripping *The Crown* can be."

Seasons 1–5 of *The Crown* are available on Netflix
The Tourist is available on iPlayer;
see features: pages 8 & 9



LADY IN RED
Elizabeth Debicki
as Princess Diana
in *The Crown*



BLACK COMEDY

BARDO, False Chronicle of a Handful of Truths

★★★ 15 Available Friday

This semi-autobiographical, rather pretentious epic from writer/director Alejandro González Iñárritu contains flashes of brilliance. Daniel Giménez Cacho (above) plays a fêted Mexican film-maker and journalist torn between his luxurious LA life and his more problematic ties to Mexico. Selected for a prestigious award, he suffers a crisis of identity involving his family, homeland and career. A mishmash of surreal, comic and emotive set pieces, the film is indulgent and meandering, but it comes to a poignant and rewarding close. **KEVIN HARLEY**



DANGEROUS MISSION
Noah Centineo as Owen Hendricks



DOCUMENTARY

Last Chance U: Basketball

Season two begins Tuesday

This series made its name covering college American football, but has transitioned to basketball, a less spectacular but more intimate and intense sport. In both cases, the placing of cameras inside unglamorous local institutions, where talented players with difficult family lives know sport is their best shot at a better life, creates fine drama. This year we're back at the East Los Angeles College, where coach John Mosley continues to do his damndest to give the kids in his charge a chance of achieving life-changing success. **JS**



ENTERTAINMENT

Dance Monsters

Available Friday

Diversity star Ashley Banjo is among the judges for a dance competition that can hardly deny it takes inspiration from *The Masked Singer* and indeed *The Masked Dancer*. Aiming to win a prize of \$250,000, amateur dancers perform for Banjo, who's seated alongside singer-songwriter Ne-Yo and YouTube comedian Lele Pons. The twist is that rather than simply dancing as themselves, the contestants are disguised as their favourite CGI avatars, making the competition even more kid-friendly than a regular dance contest. Pussycat Doll Ashley Roberts hosts. **JS**



DOCUMENTARY

The Volcano: Rescue from Whakaari

Available Friday

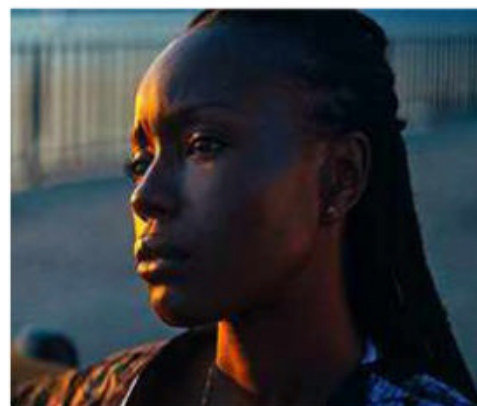
Some 47 people were on Whakaari – aka "White Island", a volcanic isle in north-eastern New Zealand – when it erupted on 9 December 2019, and 22 did not survive. This feature-length documentary knits together smartphone footage taken by the tourists themselves, plus more traditional archive video and interviews, to create a minute-by-minute account of the disaster. Often, it captures quick decisions that saved lives; before that, it puts the island and its visitors into context to complete a full picture of an extraordinary, tragic day. **JS**

Amazon Prime Video

ROMANTIC COMEDY

Your Christmas or Mine? ★★★ 12 Available now

This perfectly British romcom follows students James (Asa Butterfield) and Hayley (Cora Kirk, both below) as they say goodbye before heading home to their families for the holidays. On a whim, they both secretly hit upon the same cheeky plan: to turn up at each other's homes as a surprise. A comedy of errors then unfolds as misunderstanding follows misunderstanding, resulting in each of the young lovers stuck alone with the other's family. *Your Christmas or Mine?* won't boggle you with unexpected plot twists, but it's a warm and funny festive treat. **JAYNE NELSON**

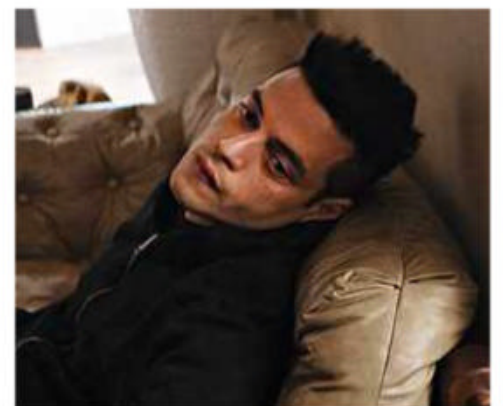


HORROR

Nanny ★★★★★ 15

Available Friday

A nanny struggles with both the supernatural and the harsh realities of everyday life in Nikyatu Jusu's unsettling thriller. Senegalese migrant Aisha (Anna Diop, above) cares for the six-year-old daughter of a well-to-do couple (Michelle Monaghan and Morgan Spector), while attempting to save enough to bring her son to the US. She also experiences disturbing dreams that could be the work of an evil presence. Jusu's atmospheric debut offers a stinging look at the psychological pressures Aisha endures and simmers with slow-burn dread. **AMBER WILKINSON**



DRAMA

Mr Robot

Series 1–4 available until 22 Dec

Don't miss the chance to see a drama that stayed strange and challenging right up until the dizzying final episode in 2019. Initially about anarchist cyber-hackers raging against economic inequality by attacking big banks, at first it was the coolest political drama on TV. But over four seasons it morphed into a mindbending study of the troubled lead character, played with real guts by future Oscar winner and Bond villain Rami Malek (above). If you've never tried *Mr Robot*, take a deep breath and dive in from the start. **JS**



AppleTV+



SPY DRAMA

Slow Horses

Episode four of series two available Friday. Series one available now

It's always a fun part of an espionage thriller: the Finding Out What You're Dealing With episode. And oh boy, do the team from Slough House find out some stuff this week, as their boss Jackson Lamb (Gary Oldman) proves that he can effectively wear out his shoe leather when he needs to. While various team members push themselves to the limit and corpses pile up, River (Jack Lowden, above) is having lunch with a charming family and their friend, whom River knows is an assassin. What's for dessert? **JACK SEALE**



ADVENTURE DRAMA

Shantaram

Episode 12 available from Friday

SERIES FINALE This is a major global production for Apple+, but as it reaches the final episode, it doesn't seem to have captured many imaginations. It's not bad at all, but lacks a single, compelling narrative idea. Still, the pieces are in place for an energetic season one finale and the show delivers, with comeuppances everywhere as Australian fugitive Lin Ford (Charlie Hunnam, above) and his new friends in the 1980s Bombay underworld try to extricate themselves from a highly dangerous predicament. The drama evidently wants a second run and ought to have more stories to tell. **JS**



MANHUNT
Will Smith stars as fugitive slave Peter, who is pursued through the fearsome swamps of Louisiana

TRUE-LIFE DRAMA

Emancipation ★★★

Available from 9 December

■ In this fact-based drama set in Louisiana in 1863, Will Smith plays a slave labourer who makes a daring escape from a Confederate Army work camp. Pursued through the swamps by Ben Foster's racist white tracker, he also faces alligators, leeches and snakes in his bid for freedom. This is a fairly conventional chase flick from Antoine Fuqua (*The Equalizer*); the action is convincingly staged and Smith delivers a stirring portrayal of suffering. But it ultimately lacks the emotional depth necessary to truly involve its audience in what is a vital history lesson. **TREVOR JOHNSTON**



SISTERHOOD
Bad Sisters stars
 Sharon Horgan,
 Anne-Marie Duff,
 Eve Hewson, Sarah
 Greene and Eva
 Birthistle

WHAT I'M STREAMING



SIGOURNEY WEAVER

"I have just devoured Sharon Horgan's series *Bad Sisters*," says the Hollywood actor and star of *Avatar: the Way of Water*. "It's a wonderfully dark comedy in which four sisters keep bungling attempts to kill their abusive brother-in-law. I've also recently really enjoyed David Attenborough's *Frozen Planet II*, which in TV terms is a masterpiece, and *TraumaZone*, the new documentary series from Adam Curtis (both iPlayer), which is a must-watch for anyone interested in Russia." See page 14. All ten episodes of *Bad Sisters* season one are available on AppleTV+



ACTION THRILLER

Echo 3

Episode six available Friday

The best and arguably worst thing about this thriller, set in both the US and South America? You don't ever quite know what you're going to get. After an episode that centred entirely on lost scientist Amber (Jessica Ann Collins, above) and her attempt to escape incarceration on the Colombia/Venezuela border – which filled in a lot of missing detail about her situation and character and featured some gripping waterfall stunts – we're told that's the end of "part two". If that's the end of the second section, can she get home in some coherent and exciting last few episodes of this ambitious, disjointed drama? It's impossible to know. **JS**



MUSICAL ANIMATION

Fraggle Rock: Back to the Rock Available now

Gobo, Red, Wembley, Mokey, Boober and some new friends return to their cave world, ready to dance their cares away in a revival of the *Muppets* spin-off first shown in the 1980s. Immensely positive and wholesome with its pleas for tolerance and togetherness, but still full of smart jokes, its catalogue of funny musical adventures about caring for each other and learning how all the pieces of the world fit together was recently expanded with a festive, multi-faith holiday special. AppleTV+ also has the original series. **JS**

Lionsgate+



COMEDY DRAMA

All Those Things We Never Said

Eps 1–3 available from Thursday

Based on the featherlight novel by Marc Levy, this French-language comedy drama gives its whimsical story the best possible chance with some impressive casting. Jean Reno plays the man who dies and then miraculously returns to accompany his daughter (Alexandria Maria Lara) on a European tour, during which they work through their regrets: his to do with how he was as a parent, hers to do with the great romance she let slip through her fingers. If the drama doesn't satisfy you, the fabulous locations probably will. **JS**



PERIOD DRAMA

Dangerous Liaisons

Episode six available Sunday

A masked ball, huzzah! Corsets, music and disguises make this costume drama even more of a festival of gossip, blackmail and sex, as Camille (Alice Englert, above right) plots revenge against her nemesis Jacqueline (Carice van Houten). But in what turns out to be a pivotal episode, Camille's single-mindedness tests to the very extreme her friendships with the few people she can trust. And when Camille finally opens up about why she so loathes Jacqueline and her husband, what is generally a pretty frothy series takes on a new severity. We're all set for real fireworks in the remaining episodes. **JS**

Disney+



SCI-FI

Avatar ★★★★★ 12

Available now

Writer/director James Cameron's blockbuster follows Sam Worthington's paraplegic former marine, whose consciousness is transferred into a lab-made alien body during a mission on the planet Pandora. He then sets about helping the native people in their fight against invading humans. Functioning as both an action-packed war movie and an allegory for our own beleaguered planet, *Avatar* delivers rousing sci-fi with a big, beating heart. The sequel, *Avatar: the Way of Water*, arrives in cinemas on Friday – see feature p14. **JOSH WINNING**

COMEDY DRAMA

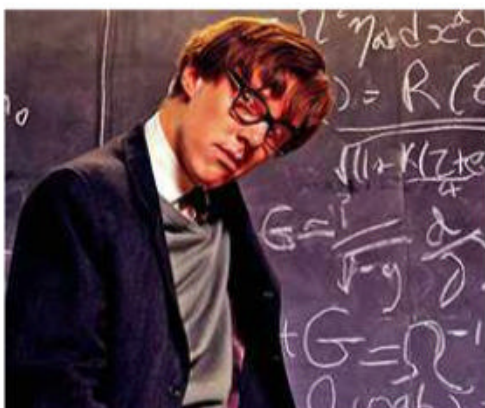
Amsterdam ★★★ 15 Available from 7

December

American Hustle director David O Russell returns with another star-studded if rather convoluted outing. Loosely based on real events, the plot concerns doctor Burt Berendsen (Christian Bale), who gets caught up in a murder investigation in 1930s New York City. The film has some great moments and running gags, and is best when focusing on the friendship between Burt and his buddies, Valerie Voze (Margot Robbie) and Harold Woodsman (John David Washington). It's an intermittently entertaining film, though it could have benefited from a little more focus. **PATRICK CREMONA**



BritBox

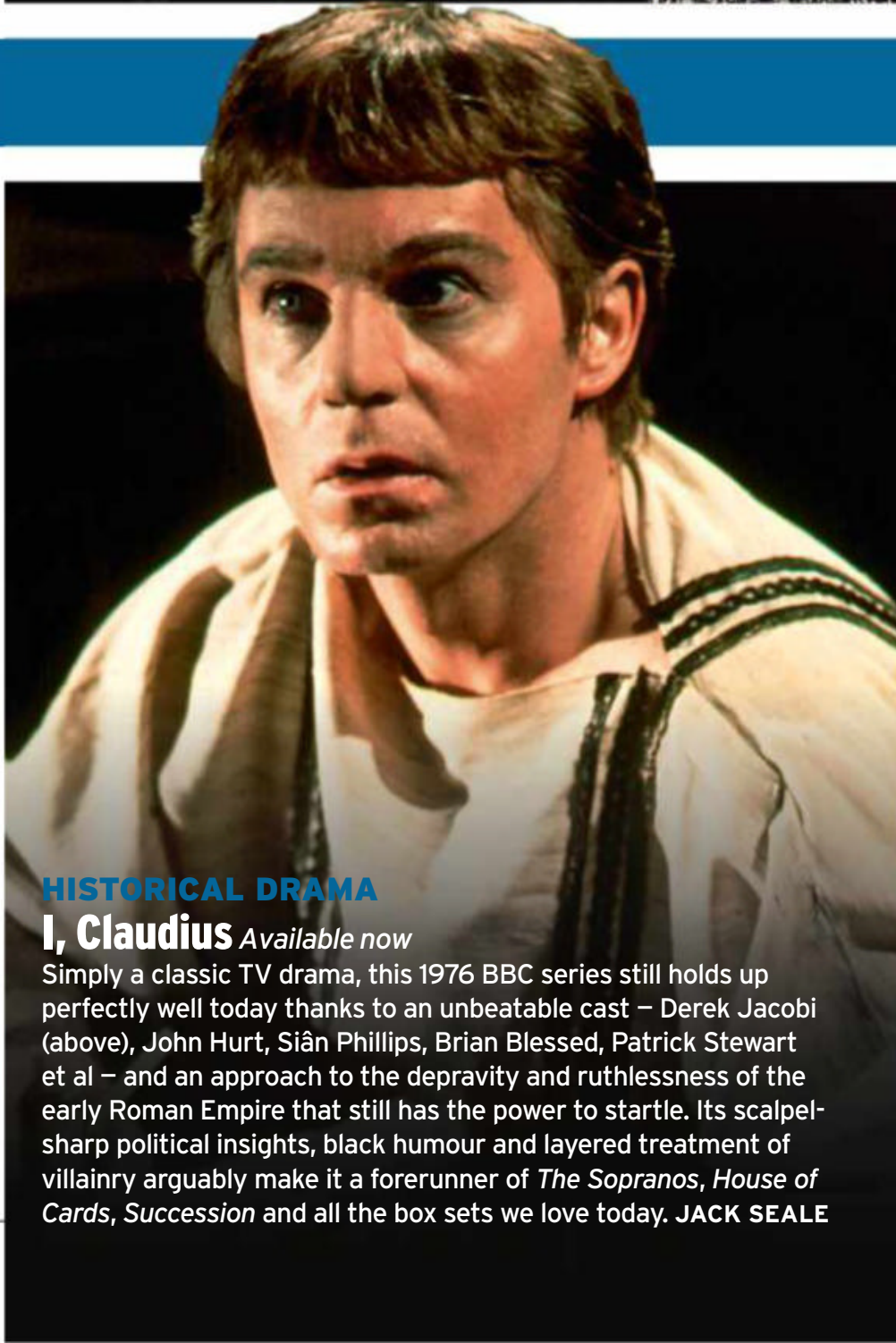


DRAMA

Hawking

Available from 8 December

This 2004 depiction of Stephen Hawking's story takes us back to the early 1960s when a 21-year-old Hawking is about to start his PhD at Cambridge. He has, the doctors say, just two years to live. But even as his own time seems to be running out, he tackles the mysteries of the universe and time itself. Benedict Cumberbatch does a superb job as Hawking, whose ornery streak comes out, and he delivers several heart-lifting moments. Well worth watching. **DAVID BUTCHER**



HISTORICAL DRAMA

I, Claudius Available now

Simply a classic TV drama, this 1976 BBC series still holds up perfectly well today thanks to an unbeatable cast – Derek Jacobi (above), John Hurt, Siân Phillips, Brian Blessed, Patrick Stewart et al – and an approach to the depravity and ruthlessness of the early Roman Empire that still has the power to startle. Its scalpel-sharp political insights, black humour and layered treatment of villainy arguably make it a forerunner of *The Sopranos*, *House of Cards*, *Succession* and all the box sets we love today. **JACK SEALE**



SITCOM

Gimme Gimme Gimme

Available from Thursday

This sitcom regularly racked up more than five million viewers for BBC2 when it debuted in 1999. Kathy Burke is Linda, a garishly dressed dreamer who considers herself highly desirable and can't understand why more men don't agree; as her gay, equally lustful and bitter flatmate Tom, James Dreyfus is the other half of an odd couple who dole out fierce bitching and filthy innuendo for a delighted live studio audience. Subtle it may not be, but its fans adore it – perhaps you'll become one. **JS**

Paramount+



HORROR DRAMA

Let the Right One In

Episodes 9 and 10 available Saturday

As this US series has progressed, it's moved further away from the 2008 Swedish horror film and become a thoughtful take on family, friendship and faith. That said, it is still about a 12-year-old girl whose father must compensate for the fact that his daughter is secretly a bloodthirsty vampire. Will their precarious existence be shattered in the final two episodes of the first series? What is guaranteed is further fine acting from Demián Bichir and Madison Taylor Baez (above), whose portrayal of a family bond formed in adversity is deeply affecting. **JS**



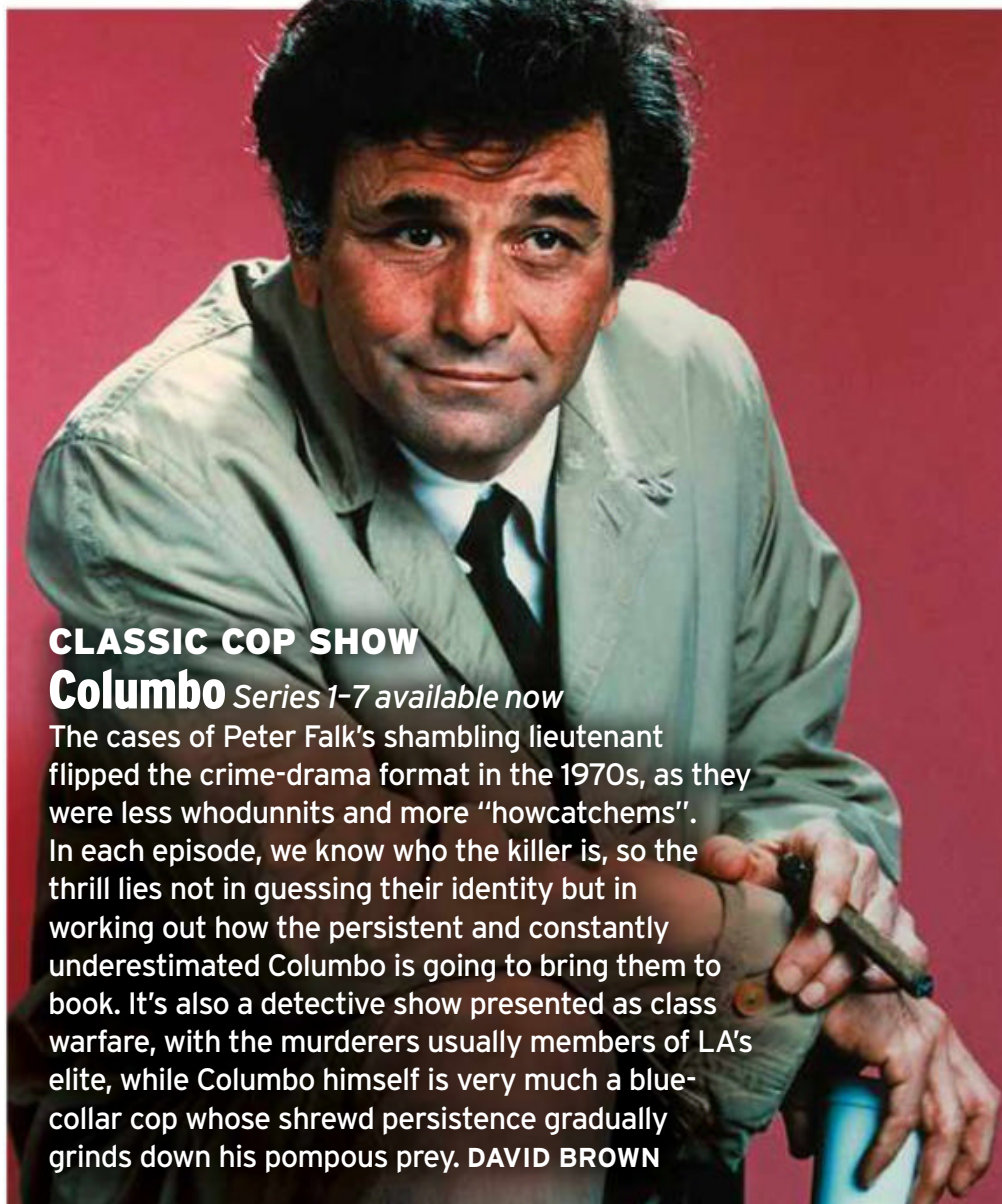
ACTION COMEDY

The Lost City ★★★★★ 12

Available from Monday

■ Riotously funny and with star power in spades, this is a gem of an action comedy. Sandra Bullock plays a romance novelist who is kidnapped by media mogul Daniel Radcliffe, who believes that she knows the whereabouts of a legendary city. The cover model from her book series (Channing Tatum) sets out to rescue her, but proves spectacularly unsuitable for the job. Bullock and Tatum make for an endearingly mismatched pair, but Brad Pitt steals the show as the ex-Navy SEAL enlisted to save the day. **EMMA SIMMONDS**

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CLASSIC COP SHOW

Columbo Series 1-7 available now

The cases of Peter Falk's shuffling lieutenant flipped the crime-drama format in the 1970s, as they were less whodunnits and more "howcatchems". In each episode, we know who the killer is, so the thrill lies not in guessing their identity but in working out how the persistent and constantly underestimated Columbo is going to bring them to book. It's also a detective show presented as class warfare, with the murderers usually members of LA's elite, while Columbo himself is very much a blue-collar cop whose shrewd persistence gradually grinds down his pompous prey. **DAVID BROWN**

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ANIMATION

The Amazing Maurice

★★★ PG

Available from Friday

 Hugh Laurie voices the titular cat in this animated adventure based on Terry Pratchett's book. Ginger moggy Maurice leads a band of rats, who scam a succession of villages into thinking they have a rodent infestation. Their human pal Keith (Himesh Patel) then pretends to be the Pied Piper, "luring" away the vermin – for the right fee. The animals are sufficiently entertaining, and the script is smart and self-aware, with references to the larger Discworld universe built by Pratchett. Pixar's *Ratatouille* remains the definitive rat movie, but *The Amazing Maurice* is amiable enough to squeak proudly at its side. **JAYNE NELSON**




MUBI



DRAMA

Decision to Leave

★★★★ 15 Available 9 December

 The spirit of Alfred Hitchcock is alive and well in this exquisitely made mystery from South Korean film-maker Park Chan-wook (*The Handmaiden*). In modern Busan, a married detective (Park Hae-il) is working on a case involving the body of a climber, but his world is turned upside down when he falls for the widow and prime suspect, Chinese nurse Seo-rae (Tang Wei). Both leads are terrific, and Park orchestrates the action with typical verve, putting audiences squarely in the shoes of the story's sleep-deprived protagonist. **MAX COPEMAN**


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MUSIC DOCUMENTARY

Moonage Daydream

★★★★ 15 Available 5 December


 David Bowie's incredible career as both musician and actor is encapsulated via a dizzying mosaic of footage and archive recordings in this engrossing documentary. Narrated by Bowie himself, the film is a patchwork portrait of a driven, relentless and constantly inspired artist forever moving the goalposts. A richly layered cinematic offering, it utterly captivates. **TERRY STAUNTON**



BIOPIC

Emily

★★★ 15 Available from Monday

 Actress Frances O'Connor makes her directorial debut with an atmospheric, melodramatic take on the life of author Emily Brontë. In the Yorkshire village of Haworth, Emily (Emma Mackey, left) writes and rebels against the constraints of life with her siblings and strict father (Adrian Dunbar). O'Connor tries to join the dots between Emily's life and the wild passions of *Wuthering Heights* and, while slightly uneven, the film certainly manages to capture that novel's gothic spirit. **JAMES MOTTRAM**



THRILLER

The Forgiven

★★★ 18 Available from Monday

 This dark psychological thriller stars Ralph Fiennes and Jessica Chastain as David and Jo, a couple whose car hits and kills a young boy when they're driving to a friend's celebration in Morocco. While David agrees to return to the boy's village for the burial, Jo stays at the party, making cracks further widen in their relationship. Directed by John Michael McDonagh, the film is tonally spotty, but the acting is superb: Fiennes's grim arrogance is neatly juxtaposed by Chastain's ennui. **TS**

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Saturday

UNDER PRESSURE
Teddy (Milo Clarke)
must deal with
a new crisis



DRAMA

Casualty 8.10pm (depending on World Cup coverage; see listings) **BBC1** Catch up via iPlayer

It's apparent from the opening scenes that this is no ordinary *Casualty* episode. The theme music is absent for starters, and conversation overlaps in much the same way it would on a fly-on-the-wall

doc such as *Ambulance* or *24 Hours in A&E*. It's a new-found naturalism borne from the script being largely improvised; the actors involved aware only of a scene's bare bones. A gimmick to be sure, but one that works surprisingly well. In fact, seeing the likes of Di Botcher as Jan and Milo Clarke as Teddy reacting in the moment to unexpected crises emphasises the frustrations of log-jammed

patients and the gruelling nature of life as a paramedic in an NHS buckling under extreme stress.

Casualty, too, is obviously feeling the pressure – the risk being that it gets seen as a relic of a bygone age in a TV landscape filled with edgier shows. But successful innovations such as this are a bracing reminder of its state-of-the-nation relevance. **DAVID BROWN**

SPORT

World Cup Football Quarter-Finals

Kick-offs 3pm, 7pm **BBC1/ITV1** (depending on schedules; see listings) Catch up via iPlayer/ITVX

The somewhat surreal winter World Cup rolls on, with today's two fixtures determining the second pair of the final four teams. As *RT* goes to press the group stage is yet to conclude, but we begin at the Al Thumama Stadium – designed to resemble the traditional *gahfiya* cap – where the likes of Brazil, Portugal and Uruguay could be meeting Spain, Germany or Croatia. Then the focus moves around 35 miles north to the tent-shaped Al Bayt Stadium – and England could well be one of the teams emerging from the tunnel.

The semi-finals – so often a World Cup's best games – are on Tuesday and Wednesday. **MAX COPEMAN**

GAME SHOW

The Hit List

5.30pm or 6.35pm (depending on World Cup coverage; see listings) **BBC1** Catch up via iPlayer

For a celebrity into their music, taking part in this *Name That Tune*-esque game show is risky. What if you show yourself up by not knowing your Depeche Mode from your Dire Straits, and instead are just, well, dire? That jeopardy increases tenfold if you're a singer, too. Playing to win a possible £10,000 for charity in this 90s-themed edition are some plucky popstars: Westlife's Brian McFadden with Boyzone's Keith Duffy, S Club 7's Tina Barrett and Bradley McIntosh and 911's Lee Brennan who, for some reason, is paired with singer Sonia.

Hosts Marvin and Rochelle Humes will surely be bopping from the sidelines to the tracks of their youth.

FRANCES TAYLOR TV PREVIEWS EDITOR

GAME SHOW

I Can See Your Voice

9.00pm or 9.15pm (depending on World Cup coverage; see listings) **BBC1** Catch up via iPlayer

Based on a South Korean format like ITV1 rival *The Masked Singer*, this musical mystery game show might not be the classiest series on air – but it's fiendishly addictive. Once you start watching, it's hard to stop. This week, best friends Tracy and Michelle from Plymouth are the sleuths trying to spot the vocal powerhouse amid a motley line-up including a tennis champion and a social-media star. Can they sift the talented from the tuneless?

Guest crooner Simon Webbe from *Blue* is on hand to help their bid for the £10,000 cash prize. Paddy McGuinness hosts, while the judging panel of Jimmy Carr, Amanda Holden and Alison Hammond wince at the tone-deaf honkers. **MICHAEL HOGAN**

DRAMA

Señorita 89

9.00pm, 9.45pm **BBC4**
Full series available on iPlayer

SERIES FINALE If there's one thing we've learnt from this Spanish-language thriller – apart from the fact that there's an ugly side to beauty pageants – it's to trust no-one. In this final double bill, the unattractive qualities of ambition, selfishness and greed play big roles.

We're taken back to the night of the party when one of the beauty queens fell – rather spectacularly – from the roof. Her death prompts Carlos and Concepción to question what they've done, but it's too little too late. Despite the best efforts of them, Elena and even Luisa, it seems Raúl can't be beaten – but expect a twist in the tale. Meanwhile, it's reported that a second season has been commissioned. **JANE RACKHAM**

ALSO ON TODAY

Celebrity Mastermind

6.05pm (depends on World Cup coverage; see listings) **BBC1**
Four well-known faces submit themselves to Clive Myrie's probing.

Happy Valley

9pm, 10.20pm **Drama**
Another chance to see Sarah Lancashire (right) as the tough sergeant in series two of the hit crime drama. (Also all available on iPlayer)



The Old Grey Whistle Test: Billy Joel in Concert

10.45pm **BBC2**
The singer/songwriter in a 1978 performance, playing songs from his album *The Stranger*.

DOCUMENTARY

Donovan: Sunshine

9.00pm **Sky Arts**
Catch up via Sky Go/Now

The Glasgow-born singer/songwriter Donovan Leitch was dismissed as a Dylan clone when he arrived on the mid-1960s pop scene, but he swiftly grew out of that derivative phase to create something wholly his own.

A beatific counterculture emblem, Donovan stirred up a potent incense-scented stew of Celtic folk, Indian ragas, jazz, hard rock, psychedelic pop and songs for children. He's a unique and eccentric talent, and this in-depth documentary gives him his due. Donovan recounts his fascinating life story in tandem with some rare archive footage and tributes from famous fans who understand why he became such a phenomenon. **PAUL WHITELAW**

HORROR

Chucky

9.00pm, 10.00pm **Sky Sci-Fi**
Catch up via Sky Go/Now

Such has been the fevered state of this second season that it now feels in need of a cold flannel to the forehead to bring its temperature down. Last week, there was that crazed murder mystery segue at Jennifer Tilly's mansion that came off like *Knives Out* on hallucinogens. This time, we get an extended riff on *Apocalypse Now* complete with a bald Chucky mumbling like Marlon Brando.

It's a joke that could work for anyone over the age of 40, but it will surely soar far over the heads of the teen audience this show generally courts. Hopefully, next week's finale will remember to foreground Jake, Devon and Lexy's friendship – and rein in some of the wilder excesses. **DBr**

DRAMA

The Wimbledon Poisoner

9.05pm **Talking Pictures TV**
Catch up via TPTV Encore

Based on the novel by Nigel Williams, this two-part black comedy from 1994 stars Robert Lindsay as Henry, a solicitor who decides to bump off his wife (Alison Steadman). Why? Well, he's a psychopath who's grown tired of their marriage. As far as he's concerned, the perfect murder is more straightforward than getting a messy divorce. Not that it goes according to plan. A scheme involving a portion of Henry's poisoned chicken, which he serves up for his wife at a summer barbecue, goes awry and it's not long before the deaths just keep on coming. A masterclass in escalating farce, it showcases Lindsay at his manic best. **PW**

LIVE SPORT



Cricket

Pakistan v England

6.00am **Sky Sports**

Main Event/Sky Cricket

Day two of the second Test in Multan. Can England's Joe Root (above) be his usual run machine?

World Cup Football

Quarter-finals

Kick-offs 3pm/7pm (see listings)

BBC1/ITV1

The remaining two quarter-finals get under way. See Choice, p46

Championship Football

Blackburn Rovers v Preston

North End 11am Sky Football/ (12 noon) Main Event (k/o noon)

An all-Lancashire encounter.

FILM OF THE DAY



Emma. ★★★★★ U

6.35pm **BBC2**

This exquisitely mounted and faithfully adapted version of Jane Austen's classic sees Anya Taylor-Joy leading a strong cast as the precocious young woman whose romantic matchmaking plans are well intentioned but not always well received. (2020)

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KEY PLAYERS
Ken Bruce and Craig David enter the Piano Room

MUSIC

Feeling Good – the Radio 2 Piano Room

8.35pm **BBC2** Catch up via iPlayer

Rock and pop isn't just about guitars. The mainstay of Ken Bruce's radio show comes to TV with this ivory-tinkling compilation. Craig David, Sigrid and Paolo Nutini are among the stars invited to the BBC's Maida Vale Studios to gather round the piano and record versions of their best-loved hits, backed by the BBC Concert Orchestra. Meanwhile, the likes of Sam Smith and Michael Bublé pay homage to their own favourites with breathtaking covers – some of their selections may surprise you.

It's followed (at 9.15pm) by *Piano Greats at the BBC*, which traces a history of keyboard maestros. An illustrious musical lineage runs from pioneers Little Richard, Nina Simone and Ray Charles, via generation-spanning giants Elton John, Paul McCartney and Stevie Wonder, right through to contemporary exponents Lady Gaga and John Legend. **MH**

SATURDAY Main Channels

DAYTIME

BBC1

6.00am Breakfast Naga Munchetty, Charlie Stayt. (S) (HD)

10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live: Countdown to Christmas Host Matt Tebbutt is joined by chefs Ollie Dabbous and Si King, who cook for Luke Evans. (S) (HD)

11.30 Nigella: at My Table Egg tortilla pie. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

12 noon Homes under the Hammer Properties in London, Cheshire and Lancashire. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

1.00pm BBC News Regional News; Weather (S) (HD)

LIVE FOOTBALL If BBC1 shows this afternoon's match:

1.20 Bargain Hunt In Peterborough. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

2.00 Money for Nothing Upcycling old lamps. (R) (S) (HD)

2.30–5.15 LIVE World Cup Match of the Day Third Quarter-Final From Al Thumama Stadium in Doha (kick-off **3.00**). Available in UHD on iPlayer. (S) (HD)

NO FOOTBALL If this afternoon's match is not shown:

1.20 Bargain Hunt From London. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

2.15 Money for Nothing A set of coat hooks. (R) (S) (HD)

3.15 The Bidding Room An Asian drum. (R) (S) (HD)

4.00 Escape to the Country In Hampshire. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

5.00–5.45 Garden Rescue Featuring a 1950s-inspired garden with a fairy-tale twist. (R) (S) (HD)

BBC2

6.50am Love Monster (R) (S) (HD) **6.55 Go Jetters**

(R) (S) (HD) **7.10 Hey Duggee** (R) (S) (HD) **7.25 Shaun the Sheep**

(R) (S) (HD) **7.30 Dennis & Gnasher Unleashed!**

(R) (S) (HD) **7.45 Ninja Express** (R) (S) (HD) **7.55 The Deep**

(R) (S) (HD) **8.20 Odd Squad** (R) (S) (AD) (HD) **8.30 One Zoo Three**

(R) (S) (HD) **8.55 Newsround** (S) (HD)

9.00 Deadly Pole to Pole Double bill. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 A Christmas Story ★★★★★ Comedy starring

Melinda Dillon. Available on iPlayer for 30 days.

Review page 53. Director Bob Clark (1983, PG) (S) (W) (HD)

11.30 Mountain Vets A cockapoo gets help. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

12 noon Top of the Shop with Tom Kerridge

Baked-goods producers compete. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

1 BBC RED BUTTON 12.15–2.30pm Rugby Union

Live coverage of the Premier 15s match between

Loughborough Lightning and Exeter Chiefs (kick-off **12.30**)

1.00pm The Sweet Makers at Christmas

Re-creating the treats of Christmas past. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

2.00 A Matter of Life and Death ★★★★★ Romantic

fantasy starring David Niven and Kim Hunter.

Available on iPlayer for 30 days. **Review page 53.**

Directors Michael Powell and Emeric Pressburger (1946, U) (S) (HD)

3.45 Flog It! From Hendon, north London. (R) (S) (HD)

4.05–4.50 Christmas Classics: Talking Pictures

A look at some of the best-loved movies. (R) (S) (HD)

ITV1

6.00am CITV See page 52 **9.25 ITV News** (S) (HD)

9.30 James Martin's Saturday Morning James is

joined in the kitchen by guest Anton Du Beke. (S) (HD)

11.40 John and Lisa's Christmas Kitchen Ep 2

A recipe for a Christmas ham. Rptd Sunday 11.30am (S) (HD)

12.45pm James Martin's American Adventure

The chef heads for Sonoma Raceway. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

1.45 ITV News Weather; Regional Weather (S) (HD)

LIVE FOOTBALL If ITV1 shows this afternoon's match:

2.00–5.15 LIVE World Cup 2022

Third Quarter-Final Live coverage from Al

Thumama Stadium, Doha (kick-off **3.00**). (S) (HD)

NO FOOTBALL If this afternoon's match is not shown:

2.00 The Mummy ★★★★★ Period horror adventure

starring Brendan Fraser and Rachel Weisz. The

discovery of a historic Egyptian tomb unleashes

terrifying forces. Director Stephen Sommers (1999, 12) (S) (W) (HD)

4.15–5.15 Catchphrase for Soccer Aid With David

James, Chelcee Grimes and Marvin Humes. (R) (S) (HD)

Channel 4

6.05am The King of Queens Triple bill. (R) (S) (AD)

7.20 Everybody Loves Raymond (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

8.35 The Simpsons Five episodes. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

11.05 Couples Come Dine with Me In Essex. (R) (S) (HD)

12.05pm Four in a Bed Establishments in Midlothian,

County Durham, North Yorkshire and Hull. (R) (S) (HD)

2.45–3.45 Secrets of the Middle Aisle at Christmas 2/2. How Lidl and Aldi are taking on the

big-name stores this Christmas. Shown last Mon (S) (AD) (HD)

BBC1

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The Hit List Celebrity Special

5.30/6.35pm

Tina and Bradley
of S Club 7 reach
for the stars



LIVE FOOTBALL If BBC1 shows this evening's match:

5.15pm BBC News Weather (S) (HD)

5.30 The Hit List Celebrity Special

5/10. In a 1990s episode, Brian McFadden and
Keith Duffy, Tina Barrett and Bradley McIntosh,
Lee Brennan and Sonia compete. **See page 46.**

Director Chris Power; Series producer Edwina Madden-Egan
Repeated Thursday 12.10am (S) (HD)

6.15 World Cup Match of the Day Live

Fourth Quarter-Final

Coverage of the match from Al Bayt Stadium
in Al Khor, Qatar (kick-off **7.00**). Available in
UHD on iPlayer. **See page 46.** (S) (HD)

All live matches are subject to extra time/penalties

9.15 I Can See Your Voice

7/8 Series 2. Friends Tracy and Michelle from
Plymouth try to use their detective skills to spot
the fakes. Simon Webbe from Blue guests. **See p46.**

Director Julia Knowles; Series producers Lyndon Tovey and Kerry Shaw
Repeated Monday 7pm BBC3 (S) (HD)

10.15 BBC News Weather (S) (HD)

10.35 Captain America: the Winter Soldier

★★★★ Action adventure starring Chris Evans,
Scarlett Johansson and Samuel L Jackson. The
super-soldier hero faces off against a mysterious
assassin. Available on iPlayer for 7 days. **Review p53.**
Directors Anthony Russo and Joe Russo (2014, 12) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

12.45am MOTD World Cup Top Ten: Greatest World Cup Games

The outstanding matches in World Cup history. (S) (HD)

1.15 World Cup Match of the Day Replay A chance to see

either the third or fourth quarter-final. (S) (HD)

2.55 Weather for the Week Ahead (S) (HD)

3.00–6.00am BBC News (S) (HD)

NO FOOTBALL If this evening's match is not shown:

5.45pm BBC News Weather (S) (HD)

6.05 Celebrity Mastermind

Clive Myrie invites famous faces into the black chair.

Producer Kate Middleditch; Series producer James Evans (S) (HD)

6.35 The Hit List Celebrity Special

As above, 5.30pm.

7.20 Pointless Celebrities

Quiz presented by Alexander Armstrong. (R) (S) (HD)

8.10 Casualty

Thin Green Line. The pressure reaches boiling
point for Jan in an improvised episode. **See p46.**

Jan Jennings	Di Botcher	Robbie Marks	Russell Layton
Iain Dean	Michael Stevenson	Scott Baker	Lucas Button
Theodore "Teddy" Gowan	Milo Clarke	Nikki Lawson	Sally Hodgkiss
Sah Brockner	Arin Smethurst	Sean Elliot	Joe Rising
Faith Cadogan	Kirsty Mitchell	Atlanta Elliot	Alexandra Boutlon
Dylan Keogh	William Beck	George Hill	Trevor Cooper
Stevie Nash	Elinor Lawless	Karen Porter	Ella Hunter-Clark
Ethan Hardy	George Rainsford	Ellie Fisher	Rebecca Harland
Ffion Morgan	Stirling Gallacher	Liz Day	Lisa Stevenson
Paul Pegg	Paul Popplewell		

Writer Stephen McAteer; Producer Mat McHale

Director Steve Hughes (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 I Can See Your Voice As above, 9.15pm.

10.00 BBC News Weather (S) (HD)

10.20 World Cup Match of the Day Highlights

Action from the third and fourth quarter-finals. (S) (HD)

11.05 Captain America: the Winter Soldier

As above, 10.35pm.

1.10am MOTD World Cup Top Ten: Greatest World Cup Games

As above, 12.45am.

1.40 World Cup Match of the Day Replay (S) (HD)

3.20 Weather for the Week Ahead (S) (HD)

3.25–6.00am BBC News (S) (HD)

BBC1 Freeview 1/HD 101 Freesat 101/HD 106 Sky 101/HD 115 Virgin 101

BBC2

2

Piano Greats at the BBC 9.15pm

Latter-day piano
man Elton John
belts out his hits
on the old joanna



4.50pm Nativity 2: Danger in the Manger! ★★

Comedy starring David Tennant and Jessica
Hynes. Jingle bells give way to alarm bells when
a hapless new teacher agrees to take the pupils of
St Bernadette's to rural Wales to compete in a clash
of the Christmas choirs. And it just so happens
that his twin brother is conducting a rival group.
Available on iPlayer for 21 days. **Review page 53.**

David Peterson/Roderick Peterson	Mr Poppy	Marc Wootton
David Tennant	Mrs Bevan	Pam Ferris
Jessica Hynes	Gordon Shakespeare	Jason Watkins
Joanna Page	Mr Peterson's dad	Ian McNeice

Angel Matthews
Mrs Peterson
Director Debbie Isitt (2012, U) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

6.35 Emma. ★★★★★

Period comedy drama based on the novel by Jane
Austen, starring Anya Taylor-Joy and Johnny
Flynn. Emma Woodhouse, handsome, clever and rich,
is determined to be the local queen of matchmaking,
much to the irritation of her widowed father and
neighbour Mr Knightley. But it gradually dawns on
the young busybody that she is equally in need of
advice on her own romantic inclinations. Available
on iPlayer for 30 days. **Film of the Day: page 53.**

Emma Woodhouse	Anya Taylor-Joy	Mrs Weston	Gemma Whelan
George Knightley	Johnny Flynn	Frank Churchill	Callum Turner
Mr Elton	Josh O'Connor	Miss Bates	Miranda Hart
Harriet Smith	Mia Goth	Jane Fairfax	Amber Anderson
Mr Woodhouse	Bill Nighy	Mrs Elton	Tanya Reynolds
Mr Weston	Rupert Graves		

Director Autumn de Wilde (2020, U) (S) (W) (HD)
Also showing Thursday 7pm BBC3

8.35 Feeling Good: the Radio 2 Piano Room

RT A collection of performances by Craig David,
Sigrid, Paolo Nutini and Michael Bublé alongside
the BBC Concert Orchestra at the Maida Vale Studios,
as well as an array of cover versions, including
Sam Smith performing a Des'ree song, Olly Murs
honouring Coldplay, and Paul Heaton and Jacqui
Abbott singing a George Ezra hit. **See page 47.**
Director/Producer Thom Weller (S) (HD)

9.15 Piano Greats at the BBC

Archive footage brings piano pioneers like Little
Richard, Nina Simone and Ray Charles back to life –
they showed the world that the new sounds of pop
and rock didn't just revolve around guitars. Alongside
them there are performances from modern maestros
such as Elton John, Lady Gaga and Jools Holland.
Producer Shelley Talton; Series producer Simon Goretzki (S) (HD)

10.45 The Old Grey Whistle Test: Billy Joel in Concert

A 1978 performance in which the American singer/
songwriter performs songs from his album *The Stranger*, including *Movin' Out (Anthony's Song)*,
Just the Way You Are and *Only the Good Die Young*.
Director Tom Corcoran; Producer Michael Appleton (R) (S) (HD)

11.25 Jerry Lee Lewis: Live in Bristol

A performance by the rock 'n' roll star filmed for the
Arena strand in 1983 and broadcast the following
year. The concert is preceded by rare footage of
Lewis performing *Whole Lotta Shakin'* in 1957.
Director Anthony Wall; Producer Alan Yentob (R) (S) (HD)

12.15am Self Esteem at 6 Music Festival Filmed at the Great

Hall in Cardiff in April, Self Esteem performs hits from her

Mercury Prize-nominated album *Prioritise Pleasure*. (S) (HD)

12.55 Cinderella: a Comic Relief Pantomime for Christmas

A stellar cast perform a special stay-at-home version of the

classic story, produced by Richard Curtis. (R) (S) (HD)

1.50–2.50am How To with John Wilson 3/6 Series 2

How to Find a Spot. John reflects on the competitive and

complex process of parking in New York City. (S) (AD) (HD)

2.20 4/6. How to Throw Out Your Batteries. The film-

maker ponders the value of things people hold onto and

stuff they throw away. Both episodes shown yesterday (S) (AD) (HD)

BBC2 Freeview 2/HD 102 Freesat 102 Sky 102 Virgin 102

ITV1

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Taken 10.35pm/
11.30pm He has
a very particular
set of skills, and
Liam Neeson is
set to use them



5.15pm Tipping Point: Best Ever Finals

Ben Shephard relives two gripping endgames.
Director Richard van't Riet; Executive producers Kate Lownds,
Sara Doyle and Hugh Rycroft (R) (S) (HD)

5.40 ITV News

Weather; Regional News and Weather (S) (HD)

LIVE FOOTBALL

If ITV1 shows this evening's match:

6.00 World Cup 2022

Fourth Quarter-Final

Live coverage from Al Bayt Stadium, Al
Khor (kick-off **7.00**). In the corresponding
match four years ago, host nation Russia
lost 4–3 in a penalty shoot-out, following a 2–2
draw after extra time. **See page 46.** (S) (HD)

All live matches are subject to extra time/penalties

9.15 The 1% Club

Lee Mack gives 100 players the chance to win
£100,000 by answering a question that only
one per cent of the country could get right.
Exec producers Dean Nabarro and Andy Auerbach (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

10.15 ITV News

Weather; Regional Weather (S) (HD)

10.35 Taken ★★★★★

Action drama starring Liam Neeson as
former CIA operative Bryan Mills, who calls
on his tried-and-tested skills in a bid to rescue
his daughter from the sex traffickers who have
kidnapped her during a holiday in France.
English, French, Albanian, Arabic +subtitles.

Bryan Mills	Liam Neeson	Casey	Jon Gries
Kim	Maggie Grace	Bernie	David Warshofsky
Lenore	Famke Janssen	Diva	Holly Valance
Sam	Leland Orser	Amanda	Katie Cassidy

Director Pierre Morel (2007, 18) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

12.20–3.00am Home Shopping (HD)

NO FOOTBALL

If this evening's match is not shown:

6.00 Beat the Chasers

The Dark Destroyer, the Beast, the Governess,
the Menace and the Vixen team up to take on
more brave contestants. Bradley Walsh hosts.

Executive producers Michael Kelpie, Martin Scott and
Helen Tumbridge (R) (S) (HD)

7.00 Ocean's 8 ★★★

Crime caper starring Sandra Bullock, Cate
Blanchett and Anne Hathaway. After being
released from prison on parole, con artist
Debbie Ocean is reunited with her old partner
in crime, Lou Miller. The duo immediately start
planning an audacious new heist: stealing a
\$150 million necklace from an actress wearing
it at New York's Met Gala. **Review page 53.**

Director Gary Ross (2017, 12) (S) (W) (HD)

9.10 The 1% Club

As above, 9.15pm.

10.15 ITV News

Weather; Regional Weather (S) (HD)

10.30 World Cup 2022 Highlights

The best action from today's games. (S) (AD) (HD)

11.30 Taken

As above, 10.35pm.

1.05–3.00am Home Shopping (HD)

3.00 Unwind

A sequence to calm the mind. (S) (HD)

4.15–6.00am Love Your Weekend with Alan Titchmarsh The presenter talks to Michael Ball, Alfie Boe and Jon Culshaw. Shown last Sunday (S) (SL) (HD)

ITV1 Freeview 3/HD 103 **Freesat** 103 **Sky** 103 **Virgin** 113/HD 103

+1 Freeview 35 **Freesat** 112 **Sky** 203 **Virgin** 114

Channel 4

4
7 in Wales

Murder on the Orient Express

9.15pm Snowed in:
Poirot (Kenneth
Branagh) has a
puzzle to solve



3.45pm Jamie's Easy Christmas

1/2. Jamie Oliver showcases simple yet impressive
dishes for the coming weeks. Today, he shares
no-fuss recipes perfect for festive gatherings,
from crispy duck, noodles and short-rib beef
to a vegetarian filo pie and a decadent dessert.
Shown last Tuesday (S) (AD) (HD)

See feature: page 28

The view from Jamie Oliver's sofa: page 154

4.50 Channel 4 News Sport; Weather (S) (HD)

5.20 Jingle All the Way ★★

Comedy starring Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Young Jamie Langston wants a "Turbo
Man" toy for Christmas, but his father Howard
is too wrapped up in work to remember his
son's request. Until Christmas Eve, that is, when
Howard's furious wife sends him on a desperate
quest to bring home the last Turbo Man in
Minneapolis – whatever it takes.

Director Brian Levant (1996, PG) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

Also showing tomorrow 2.35pm 4seven

7.05 Finding Your Feet ★★

Romantic comedy drama starring Imelda
Staunton, Celia Imrie and Timothy Spall.

When snobbish Sandra discovers that her
lawyer husband has been unfaithful, she
moves in with her estranged sister, Bif. But
Bif's free-spirited lifestyle is at odds with the
comfort and privilege that Sandra is used to.

Sandra Abbott	Imelda Staunton	Ted	David Hayman
Bif	Celia Imrie	Mike Abbott	John Sessions
Charlie Glover	Timothy Spall	Pamela Harper	Josie Lawrence
Jackie	Joanna Lumley	Corrina	Indra Ove

Director Richard Loncraine (2017, 12) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

9.15 Murder on the Orient Express

★★★★ All-star murder mystery starring
Kenneth Branagh, Michelle Pfeiffer and
Johnny Depp. En route from Istanbul to London,
luxury train the *Orient Express* gets stuck in
the snow and one of the passengers is found
dead. Everyone on board falls under the
suspicion of famed detective Hercule Poirot,
but who is the culprit? **Review page 53.**

Hercule Poirot	Kenneth Branagh	Hildegard Schmidt	Olivia Colman
Caroline Hubbard	Michelle Pfeiffer	Gerhard Hardman	Willem Dafoe
Edward Ratchett	Johnny Depp	Mary Debenham	Daisy Ridley
Princess Natalia Dragomiroff	Judi Dench	Dr Arbutnot	Leslie Odom Jr
Edward Masterman	Derek Jacobi	Countess Andrenyi	Lucy Boynton
Hector MacQueen	Josh Gad	Count Andrenyi	Sergei Polunin
Pilar Estravados	Penélope Cruz	Bouc	Tom Bateman
Biniamino Marquez	Manuel Garcia-Rulfo	Pierre Michel	Marwan Kenzari

Director Kenneth Branagh (2017, 12) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

Also showing Wednesday 9pm 4seven

11.25 War for the Planet of the Apes

★★★★ Sci-fi adventure sequel starring
Woody Harrelson and Andy Serkis. In the
third instalment of the rebooted franchise, ape
leader Caesar embarks on a quest for revenge
after the crazed Colonel McCullough kills
Caesar's family in a bid to assassinate him.

Caesar	Andy Serkis	Rocket	Terry Notary
The Colonel	Woody Harrelson	Koba	Toby Kebbell
Bad Ape	Steve Zahn	Cornelia	Judy Greer
Maurice	Karin Konoval	Red Donkey	Ty Olsson
Nova	Amiah Miller	Lake	Sara Canning

Director Matt Reeves (2017, 12) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

Also showing tomorrow 10pm 4seven

1.55am Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA The
chef travels to Woodland Park, Colorado, where an
Italian restaurant is heading for disaster. (R) (S) (SL) (HD)

2.45 The Simpsons Lisa becomes a Victorian
detective in this Halloween edition. (R) (S) (SL) (AD)

3.10 Hollyoaks Omnibus. Cast Tue/Thu (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

5.20–6.00am Countdown (R) (S) (HD)

Channel 4 Freeview 4/HD 104 **Freesat** 104 **Sky** 104 **Virgin** HD 104

+1 Freeview 15 **Freesat** 121 **Sky** 204 **Virgin** 142

BBC4

9
24 in Scotland

Señorita 89

9.00pm

Entrapped
Elena (Ximena
Romo) runs
out of options



7.00pm Raiders of the Lost Past with Janina Ramirez

2/3 *Series 1. The Lion Man.* In August
1939, archaeologist and Nazi party
member Robert Wetzel found the
40,000-year-old artwork now known
as *The Lion Man* in a remote cave. As
Dr Janina Ramirez discovers, *The Lion
Man* – half-man and half-animal – is
the first known artwork created from
the human imagination, revealing the
very origins of art, religion and culture.

Director/Producer Ben Harding

Signed repeat 2.25am (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

8.00 Write around the World with Richard E Grant

2/3. The actor continues his travels
in the footsteps of great authors,
beginning in France's Cévennes
mountains, as he re-creates part of
the walk described by Robert Louis
Stevenson in his travelogue *Travels
with a Donkey in the Cévennes*.

Director Southan Morris; Producer Anne Elletson
Signed repeat tomorrow 2.30am (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 Señorita 89

7/8. **Dolores.** Raúl threatens
Elena. Dolores returns to the
house and tells the young women
what the authorities know. (HD)

9.45 8/8. The Final. The contestants
compete to win the title of Miss Mexico.
Spanish +subtitles. The whole series is
available on iPlayer. **See page 46.** (HD)

Dolores
Raúl López Morton
Elena
Mirko
Jocelyn
Concepción
Dr Carlos Hidalgo
Luisa
Angeles

Bárbara López
Juan Manuel Bernal
Ximena Romo
Luis Ernesto Franco
Leidi Gutiérrez
Ilse Salas
Marcelo Alonso
Edwarda Gurrola
Coty Camacho

10.25 What We Were Watching Christmas 1995.

As well as following
Hetty Wainthropp's first investigation
and an episode of *Goodnight
Sweetheart*, Grace Dent reminisces
about the late Rik Mayall's reading of
Jack and the Beanstalk for *Jackanory*.

Producers Simon Goretzki and Simon Catt (R) (S) (HD)

11.25 To the Manor Born

1/7 *Series 3. Scout Hut.* Richard is
reprimanded by Audrey.

Shown last Tuesday (S)

11.55 Sykes

Series 4. Christmas Party. Eric and
Hattie spend Christmas Day at Corky's
in this classic episode from 1975.

Shown last Tuesday (S)

12.25am The Young Ones 6/6 Series 1

Flood. Comedy from 1982. Mr Balowski
becomes a mad axeman. Shown last Tue (S)

12.55 Comedy Playhouse: Where It All Began Moments from the original series
that launched *Steptoe and Son* and *Last of the Summer Wine*. Shown last Monday (S) (HD)

1.25 Some Boffins with Jokes The nation's
sharpest scientific minds and keenest brains
tell their favourite gags. (R) (S) (HD)

1.55 Tim Minchin: This Cultural Life

The Australian comedian and composer
discusses his influences. Shown last Sun (S) (HD)

2.25–3.25am Raiders of the Lost Past with Janina Ramirez As 7pm (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

BBC4 F'view 9/HD 106 **F'sat** 108 **Sky** 116 **Virgin** 108

Regional variations

BBC1 WALES

11.30am–12 noon
Hot Cakes: Miss Wales
calls in for a special
cake, giving Gareth
a blast from the past,
and Ryan arranges a
surprise as their fifth
anniversary approaches

LONDON LIVE

F'view 8 **Sky** 117 **Virgin** 159

6.00am London's
Weekend

7.00 Skippy the
Bush Kangaroo (R)

8.00 Dork Hunters
from Outer Space (R)

9.00 My Greek
Odyssey (R)

10.00 Plane Crash
Re-created (R)

11.00 Hell Below (R)

12 noon Shine on
Harvey Moon (R)

12.30pm After Henry (R)

1.00 FILM: The Land
That Time Forgot ★★

Fantasy adventure
starring Doug
McClure (1974, PG)

2.45 FILM: Tarka the
Otter ★★★★★ Wildlife
adventure starring
Peter Bennett (1978, PG)

4.35 FILM: Crime of
Passion ★★★★★ Film
noir starring Barbara
Stanwyck (1957)

6.20 London Districts:
the South Bank (R)

6.30 Never the Twain:
comedy starring
Donald Sinden and
Windsor Davies (R)

7.00 The World's
Most Extraordinary
Families (R)

8.00 The World's Most
Incredible Hotels (R)

9.00 The Comic Strip
Presents: Four Men in
a Plane: egos clash
when a quartet of sales
professionals travel
to a conference (R)

10.00 Mr Harvey
Lights a Candle: drama
starring Timothy Spall
as a teacher who
comes to terms with
his past during a trip to
Salisbury Cathedral (R)

11.45 FILM: Poor Cow
★★★ Drama starring
Carol White (1967, 15)

1.50am The Comic
Strip Presents: The
Hunt for Tony Blair (R)

2.50 London Districts:
the South Bank (R)

3.00 Danger Man (R)

3.30 News Rewind

5.00–6.00

Talking Points

Channel 5
listings are overleaf

SATURDAY Freeview

Channel 5

5



A Christmas Carol 7.25pm Patrick Stewart stars in this take on the tale

6.00am Milkshake! See page 52

10.05 SpongeBob SquarePants The friends build their own mini-golf course. (S) (HD)

10.20 The friends spring clean. (S) (HD)

10.30 Entertainment News (S) (HD)

10.40 Friends Series 4. Ross and Rachel get back together. (S) (AD) (HD)

11.10 Phoebe finds a stray cat. (S) (AD) (HD)

11.40 Jack Frost ★★ Fantasy comedy drama starring Michael Keaton and Kelly Preston. When a neglectful father is killed in a car accident, he has the chance to make amends with his son by returning to him in the form of a snowman. Director Troy Miller (1998, PG) (S) (W) (HD)

1.45pm Christmas in Pine Valley ★★ Romantic comedy starring Kristina Cole and Andrew Biernat.

Director Damián Romay (2022) (S) (W) (HD)

3.45 You, Me and the Christmas Trees P★★ Seasonal romance. Romance blossoms when a tree expert helps a farmer with his blighted firs.

Director David Winning (2021) (S) (W) (HD)

5.30pm Christmas on 5th Avenue

★★ Romance starring Kathryn Davis and Olivier Renaud. Eva is hired to secretly decorate the penthouse of author Lucas. But when he returns, he proves less than taken with the changes. Director Amy Force (2021) (S) (W) (HD)

7.20 5 News (S) (HD)

7.25 A Christmas Carol ★★

An adaptation of the Dickens tale, starring Patrick Stewart and Richard E Grant. The extent of Ebenezer Scrooge's mean-spiritedness is tested when he is visited by a trio of ghosts. **Review p53.**

Mr Ebenezer Scrooge

Bob Cratchit

The Ghost of Christmas Past

Mr Albert Fezziwig

Mrs Cratchit

The Ghost of Christmas Present

Jacob Marley

Fred Bowley

Director David Jones (1999, PG) (S) (W) (HD)

Patrick Stewart

Richard E Grant

Joel Grey

Ian McNeice

Saskia Reeves

Desmond Barrit

Bernard Lloyd

Dominic West

9.15 Christmas at Kew Gardens

The plants and trees may be taking a rest at this time of year, but the staff at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, are gearing up for the festive season. Cameras capture the hanging of lights on Britain's tallest living Christmas tree, botanists propagating holly and the switching on of Kew's winter trail lights. Directors Matthew Kirkham, Luke Rowbotham (S) (HD)

10.15 When Christmas Goes Horribly Wrong

Noddy Holder narrates this look at embarrassing Christmas moments that slipped onto our screens. Stars caught in cock-ups include Eamonn Holmes, Phillip Schofield and Fanny Craddock. And things go horribly wrong for Piers Morgan while switching on the Christmas lights. Executive producers Elaine Hackett, Jason Wells and Simon Withington (S) (HD)

1.05am New. Casino (S) (HD) **3.05** Britain's Loudest Snorers (S) (HD) **4.15–5.50am** Ben Fogle: New Lives in the Wild (S) (HD)

C5 F'view 5/HD 105 **F'sat** 105 **Sky** 105 **Virgin** 154/HD 105 **+1** Freeview 46 **Freesat** 128 **Sky** 205 **Virgin** 155

BBC4 listings are overleaf

BBC3

23



EastEnders 7.00pm A furious Janine is about to make her feelings clear

7.00pm EastEnders

Sonia begins to make the arrangements for Dot's funeral. (S) (AD) (HD)

7.30 Whitney sets out on a secret mission. Both episodes shown either last Monday or Tuesday BBC1 Cast Monday/Thursday BBC1 (S) (AD) (HD)

8.00 Bellator MMA Highlights

Action from Bellator 289 at Mohegan Sun Arena in Uncasville, Connecticut, featuring Raufeon Stots v Danny Sabatello for the bantamweight championship. (S) (HD)

9.00 Two Pints of Lager and a Packet of Crisps

7/14 Series 5. Janet and Jonny miss their own wedding when they are locked in a van. **9.30 8/14.** Jonny gets a job in a pub.

10.00 9/14. Janet forgets her antenatal class – so Gaz and Jonny go in her place.

10.30 10/14. Gaz reveals that he could be the father of Janet's baby. (S) (AD) (HD)

Jonny

Janet

Gaz

Donna

Louise

Ralf Little

Sheridan Smith

Will Mellor

Natalie Casey

Kathryn Drysdale

11.00 God Shave the Queens

4/12 Series 2. Veronica Green prepares for a performance unlike any other.

11.15 5/12. Joe Black greets adoring fans.

11.35 6/12. Tia Kofi shares what it's like to perform for sold-out crowds. (S) (HD)

11.50–3.45am Bellator MMA

Action from Bellator 281 from Wembley in London, which was headlined by Michael Page v Logan Storley for the interim welterweight championship. (S) (HD)

BBC3 F'view 23/HD 109 (not Scot/Wales) **F'sat** 179/HD 107 **Sky** 117 (173 London; 141 Scot) **Virgin** 107 (157 Scot/Wales)

ITV2

6

6.00am Unwind (S) (HD) **6.15** Coronation Street (S) (SL) (AD) (HD) **9.05** Love Bites (S) (SL) (AD) (HD) **10.05** Dress to Impress (S) (SL) (HD)

12.05pm In for a Penny (S) (AD) (HD)

12.40 Family Fortunes: Celebrity Christmas Special (S) (HD) **1.40** Celebrity Catchphrase: Christmas Special (S) (AD) (HD) **2.45 FILM** Rio ★★★★★ Animated comedy adventure featuring the voices of Jesse Eisenberg and Anne Hathaway (S) (W) (HD) **4.40 FILM** The Proposal ★★★★★ Romantic comedy starring Sandra Bullock and Ryan Reynolds (S) (W) (HD)

6.50pm FILM Step Up ★★ Romantic drama starring Channing Tatum and Jenna Dewan. After taking the blame for an act of vandalism, talented dancer Tyler Gage is sentenced to community service at a local performing arts school, where he forms an unlikely partnership with up-and-coming ballerina Nora Clark. (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

9.00 FILM 10 Things I Hate about You ★★★★★ Romantic comedy, based on Shakespeare's *The Taming of the Shrew*, starring Heath Ledger and Julia Stiles. Bianca Stratford is banned by her parents from going on a date until her older sister Katarina has a boyfriend. However, when a new guy arrives in town, Bianca's suitor Joey hits on a plan that could be the answer to their problem. (S) (W) (HD)

11.05 Family Guy Series 10. Joe cheats following some bad advice from Peter.

11.30 Series 11. Lois is reunited with former boyfriend Ross Fishman.

12 midnight Series 10. Meg begins an internship with Dr Hartman at the hospital. (S) (AD) (HD)

12.25am American Dad! (S) (AD) (HD)

1.20–3.00am All American: double bill (S) (HD)

ITV2 Freeview 6 **Freesat** 113 **Sky** 118 **Virgin** 115/HD 176 **+1** Freeview 29 **Freesat** 114 **Sky** 218 **Virgin** 116

ITV3

10



The Ruth Rendell Mysteries 11.55pm Martin's life is turned upside down

6.00am Man about the House (S) **6.35** Maigret (S) (AD) **7.35** Maigret (S) (AD) **8.45**

FILM Holiday on the Buses ★ Comedy based on the popular 1970s television series. After they are fired at the bus depot, Stan, Jack and Inspector Blake find work at a holiday camp in Wales (S) (AD) (W) **10.30** Agatha Christie's Poirot: *The Mystery of Hunter's Lodge*. Hastings and a reluctant Poirot attend a grouse shoot; **11.40** *The Chocolate Box*. Poirot returns to Belgium (S) (AD) (HD)

12.50pm Midsomer Murders: *Series 20 Send in the Clowns*. There are gruesome consequences when Ferabee's Circus comes to town; **2.55** *Series 13. The Made-to-Measure Murders*. Barnaby and Jones investigate when a woman is stabbed to death in a churchyard (S) (AD) (HD)

5.00pm Midsomer Murders

Series 13. Blood on the Saddle. The death of a woman at a Wild West fair leads DCI Barnaby and DS Jones into a case involving the dispute between two farmers over the ownership of a piece of land.

7.00 Series 20. Till Death Do Us Part

Reluctantly joining Sarah at a family friend's wedding, Barnaby soon finds himself on the trail of a killer with a penchant for local brides.

9.00 Series 21. The Point of Balance

Midsomer is buzzing with excitement at the arrival of the annual Paramount Dance Extravaganza. But behind the bright sequins and wide smiles are long-running feuds and passions. (S) (AD) (HD)

10.50 Sanditon

5/6 Series 2. Lennox and Colbourne's rivalry over Charlotte reaches new heights. Edward's manipulation of Esther takes a dark turn, while Alison realises what she has been missing. (S) (AD) (HD)

11.55 The Ruth Rendell Mysteries

The Lake of Darkness. A lottery winner's life is thrown into turmoil after he meets the woman of his dreams and becomes involved in a devastating *ménage à trois*. (S) (HD)

2.10–2.30am Unwind (S) (HD)

ITV3 Freeview 10 **Freesat** 115 **Sky** 119 **Virgin** 117/HD 177 **+1** F'view 59 (9pm–4am) **F'sat** 116 **Sky** 219 **Virgin** 174

ITV4

26

6.00am New. Extreme E: Electric Odyssey (S) (HD) **6.30** The Professionals: CI5 encounters the KGB (S) (AD) **8.25** The NFL Show (S) (HD) **9.30 New.** Racing: the Opening Show (S) (HD) **10.30** The Big Match Revisited (S) (HD)

12.35pm River Monsters (S) (HD) **1.10 LIVE** Racing: Ed Chamberlin presents coverage of a card that includes the International Hurdle from Cheltenham. Plus two races from Doncaster (S) (HD) **4.00** The Best of the 90s (S) (HD)

4.10 FILM The Train Robbers ★★ Western starring John Wayne (S) (W) (HD)

6.15pm FILM The Man from the Alamo ★★ Western starring Glenn Ford. (S) (HD)

7.55 FILM Rocky III ★★ Boxing drama starring, written and directed by Sylvester Stallone. Fearsome new challenger Clubber Lang appears on the scene – a boxer so ruthless that Rocky is advised to retire rather than meet him in the ring. (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

10.00 New. EFL Highlights Action from the latest fixtures, including Swansea City v Norwich City. Rptd tomorrow 12.45pm ITV (S) (HD)

12.05am FILM The Purge: Anarchy ★★ Futuristic horror (S) (W) (HD) **2.10** The Protectors (S) (SL) **2.40–3.00am** Unwind (S) (HD)

ITV4 Freeview 26 **Freesat** 117 **Sky** 120 **Virgin** 118/HD 178 **+1** **Freesat** 118 **Sky** 220 **Virgin** 175

Drama

20



Happy Valley 9.00pm Frances visits murdering rapist Tommy in prison

7.10am Lovejoy: *12/13 Series 4.* An aristocrat seeks the dealer's help; **8.00 13/13** Tinker lectures Lovejoy; **9.00 1/14 Series 5** Eric discovers a stolen Bacchus (S) **10.00** Sharpe: *3/3 Series 2. Sharpe's Honour.* The soldier becomes a pawn in a French plot, and finds himself facing execution for murder (S)

12 noon Jonathan Creek: *2/6 Series 4* A composer wonders how his new lover has managed to regrow a full head of hair in two days; **1.20pm 3/6.** The unconventional sleuth investigates an alleged metamorphosis; **2.40 4/6.** A sceptical researcher returns from the dead (AD) **4.00** Inspector George Gently: *4/4 Series 7.* Christmas Eve, 1969: Gently is enjoying the festive cheer until he gets news that a bank has been hit by a gang of armed robbers. His hunt for the gunmen immerses him in the world of skinheads (S) (AD) (HD)

6.00pm The Brokenwood Mysteries

1/4 Series 6. The Power of Steam. Mike and his team are drawn into a world of Victorian dress-up and escapism when they investigate a murder at a Brokenwood steampunk event. Repeated 1.55am (S) (AD) (HD)

8.00 Shakespeare and Hathaway: Private Investigators

5/10 Series 3. Thy Fury Spent. A simple missing person's case takes a dramatic turn as Frank and Lu find themselves in the middle of a complex dispute. (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 Happy Valley

1/6 Series 2. A routine shift turns ugly for Catherine Cawood when she discovers a decaying body – and before long she finds herself under suspicion of murder. (S) (AD) (HD)

10.20 2/6. Catherine comes face to face with Tommy when he's released from prison to attend his mother's funeral. John takes drastic action over Vicky's threats. (S) (AD) (HD)

11.40 Silent Witness

3/5 Series 23. Seven Times. A body is found on train tracks in London, badly damaged from electrical burns. (S) (AD) (HD)

1.55–4.00am The Brokenwood Mysteries Shown 6pm (S) (AD) (HD)

Drama Freeview 20 **Freesat** 158 **Sky** 143 **Virgin** 130 **+1** Freeview 60 **Sky** 243 **Virgin** 226

ITVBe

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7.00am The Real Housewives of Dallas (S) (HD) **8.00** The Big Bake: Holiday (S) (HD)

9.00 LittleBe: children's programmes (HD)

12 noon Be Beautiful (S) (AD) (HD) **12.10pm** Georgia and Tommy: Baby Steps (S) (HD) **1.10** The Big Bake: Holiday (S) (HD) **3.05 FILM**

Christmas on the Range ★★ (S) (W) (HD) **4.55 FILM** A Candlelit Christmas ★★ (S) (W) (HD)

6.45pm FILM Runaway Bride ★★ Romantic comedy starring Julia Roberts and Richard Gere. When chauvinistic New York columnist Ike Graham delivers a vicious attack on Maggie Carpenter, who has abandoned three bridegrooms at the altar, her retaliation gets him fired. (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

9.00 FILM 27 Dresses ★★ Romantic comedy with Katherine Heigl. Jane Nichols is always the bridesmaid, never the bride. Then the possibility of standing by her sister's side as her sibling marries the man she's secretly in love with prompts the perennial wallflower to take stock of her life. **Review p113.** (S) (W) (HD)

11.20 Real Housewives of Cheshire: Christmas Cruising Sailing to Mexico. (S) (HD)

12.25am Tanya's Extreme Therapies (S) (HD)

12.50–12.55am Unwind (S) (HD)

ITVBe Freeview 28 **Freesat** 119 **Sky** 131 **Virgin** 119/HD 179 **+1** **Virgin** 120 (Scotland 162)



More4

18



24 Hours in A&E 9.00pm Sammy is treated for low blood pressure

8.55am A Place in the Sun: three editions
12 noon Location, Location, Location
1.00pm Come Dine with Me: from Swindon and Marlborough (AD) **3.40** Four in a Bed
6.25pm Come Dine with Me Chauffeur James hosts the first of five parties in Surrey, hoping his Caribbean menu will impress.
6.55 Myle serves up traditional Vietnamese food on the second night, but the pressure is intensified when her mum pays a visit.
7.25 Hairdresser Ben hopes to wow his guests by putting on a Mexican fiesta.
7.55 Music teacher Caroline prepares a soirée with singing, dancing and nursery rhymes.
8.30 One-upmanship and lengthy anecdotes feature at the final dinner party in Surrey.
9.00 24 Hours in A&E A teenager with anorexia nervosa is brought to the paediatrics emergency department with dangerously low blood pressure, as her mother reflects on the pain of feeling unable to protect her. (AD)
10.00 A carpenter is rushed to St George's after partially severing his hand with a power saw, while a farmer is being monitored after puncturing his lung in a quad-bike accident. (AD)
11.10 Eight out of Ten Cats Does Countdown Jimmy Carr hosts the comedy panel show, with guests Jason Manford and Roisin Conaty joining forces with team captains Sean Lock and Jon Richardson.
12.15am Eight out of Ten Cats Does Countdown Christmas Special **1.15** 24 Hours in A&E (AD)
3.25-3.55am Food Unwrapped (AD)

More4 F'view 18 F'sat 124 Sky 136 Virgin 147/HD 195
+1 Freesat 125 Sky 236 Virgin 196

E4

13

6.00am Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **6.20** Made in Chelsea **7.20 FILM** A Royal Winter ★★ Romantic drama starring Merritt Patterson and Jack Donnelly. A tourist on holiday in Europe falls for a handsome prince. But when she discovers he is about to become king, she learns that the prince's mother is opposed to the burgeoning romance. Available on All 4 for 30 days **9.00** Modern Family: eight episodes
1.00pm The Big Bang Theory: eight episodes (AD) **4.45 FILM** Transformers: the Last Knight ★★ Sci-fi action adventure starring Mark Wahlberg and Anthony Hopkins. When Optimus Prime returns to what is left of Cybertron, he is brainwashed by seductive leader Quintessa to return to Earth to obtain a mystical staff belonging to Merlin which will bring his home planet back to life (AD)
7.40pm The Great Christmas Bake Off 2020 Former contestants Jamie, Rosie, Ruby and James return to the tent, ready to compete for the Christmas Star Baker title. (AD)
9.00 Celebrity Gogglebox The best moments from the first series, with reviews of shows including *Love Island*, *Naked Attraction*, *Killing Eve* and *First Dates*. (AD)
10.00 Gogglebox 2021 Memorable moments from last year's episodes. (AD)
12.05am First Dates (SL) (AD) **2.15** Gogglebox 2021 (SL) (AD) **4.00-6.00am** The Big Bang Theory (AD)
E4 Freeview 13 Freesat 122 Sky 135 Virgin 106/HD 145
+1 Freeview 30 Freesat 123 Sky 235 Virgin 146
E4 Extra Freeview 31 Freesat 181 Sky 138 Virgin 337

Really

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6.00am Fantasy Homes by the Sea **7.00** Home Shopping **8.00** Saving Lives at Sea **1.00pm** Dr Pimple Popper **3.00** Celebrity Yorkshire Auction House **4.00** Dr Pimple Popper **7.00** Saving Lives at Sea **8.00** Helicopter ER **9.00 New.** Destination Fear: the team spends a night in the cell block where a serial killer was housed **10.00 New.** Haunted Hospitals **11.00** The Dead Files
12 midnight The Ghost Town Terror **1.00am** Ghost Adventures: Screaming Room **2.00am** Home Shopping **4.00-6.00am** Dr Dee: Alaska Vet
Really Freeview 17 Freesat 160 Sky 142 Virgin 128

Sky Arts

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Sunshine Superman: the Story of Donovan 9.00pm The musician's life

6.00am Cirque du Soleil: Mystery of Mystère **7.15** Cirque du Soleil: Amaluna **8.30** Tales of the Unexpected (AD) **11.00** The Agatha Christie Hour: a man has a vision
12 noon FILM This Gun for Hire ★★★ Film noir starring Veronica Lake, Robert Preston and Alan Ladd (BW) (W) **1.30pm** Happy Holidays with Bing and Frank **2.00** Portrait Artist of the Year **3.00** Discovering: Charlie Chaplin (AD) **4.00** Discovering: Bruce Willis **5.00** Discovering Westerns on Film
6.30pm David Gilmour: Live at Pompeii Highlights of the guitarist's concerts at the ancient Pompeii amphitheatre in July 2016, featuring songs from his solo career as well as several Pink Floyd favourites.
7.50 Pink Floyd: the Endless River Artist, animator and director Ian Emes's visual interpretation of the band's 2014 album.
9.00 CHOICE Sunshine Superman: the Story of Donovan The singer/songwriter reflects on his career, which has seen him collaborate with artists such as the Beatles and Jimmy Page. **See page 47.**
11.40 Berlin Live: Donovan A 2015 concert by the Scottish singer/songwriter at Schwuz in the German capital, featuring hits including *Mellow Yellow*, *Season of the Witch*, *Hurdy Gurdy Man* and *Sunshine Superman*.
12.55am Classic Albums: the Beach Boys' *Pet Sounds* **2.10** The Great Songwriters
3.10 The Live Revival **4.10** Isle of Wight Festival Greatest Hits **5.00-6.00am** Landmark (AD)

Sky Arts Freeview 11 Freesat 147 Sky 130 Virgin 165/HD 140 BT 350/HD 365

4seven

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9.00am Château DIY: four editions
1.00pm A Place in the Sun **1.30 FILM** Deck the Halls ★★ Comedy starring Danny DeVito, Matthew Broderick and Kristin Davis (AD)
3.15 A Place in the Sun: five editions
8.00pm Kirstie's Handmade Christmas Kirstie Allsopp is back to offer tips on how to make festive crafts on a small budget. She is let loose on a block of ice with power tools, and learns about one of this year's hottest new crafting trends. Shown last Friday C4 (AD)
9.00 Christmas at... Blenheim Palace 1/3 The 300-year-old Oxfordshire mansion stages a retelling of Hans Christian Andersen's fairy tale *The Snow Queen*, and the staff prepare for their Christmas festival. Shown last Thu C4 (AD)
10.00 Grand Designs: House of the Year 4/4 Series 7. Kevin McCloud visits five houses praised for their craftsmanship and use of materials before announcing the overall winner. Shown last Wednesday Channel 4 (AD)
11.05 24 Hours in A&E A patient with a rare condition is rushed in, struggling to breathe. (AD)
12.10am Gogglebox (AD) **1.15** The Secret World of Christmas Chocolate (AD) **2.20** Deck the Halls: the Luxury Christmas Decorators (AD) **3.25** Food Unwrapped's Festive Feast (AD) **4.20-4.50am** Drawers Off: the Big Naked Painting Challenge

4seven F'view 49 F'sat 127 Sky 137 Virgin 143/HD 193

Quest

12

6.00am Border Control: Spain (AD) **8.00** Wheeler Dealers **3.00pm** Saving Lives at Sea **4.00** Disasters at Sea (AD) **5.00** Supertruckers **6.00pm** Wheeler Dealers: Mike and Elvis wrestle an iconic Japanese rally car – a Mitsubishi Lancer Evo7 **7.00** Salvage Hunters: Drew Pritchard and Tee John set out on a tour of France **8.00** Shed and Buried: double bill **9.00** The Repair Shop: restoring a tarnished rugby trophy **10.00 New.** The Kings: the Kings' experiences have prepared them for the dangers of the ring **11.00** Idris Elba: Fighter **12 midnight** Cooper's Treasure **1.00am** Helicopter ER **2.00** Border Control: Spain **3.00** Aussie Gold Hunters: Mine SOS **4.00-5.00am** How It's Made
Quest Freeview 12 Freesat 172/HD 167 Sky 144 Virgin 169
+1 Freeview 70 Freesat 168 Sky 244 Virgin 213

Yesterday

27



Open All Hours 7.00pm Arkwright learns he has romantic rival

6.00am Impossible Engineering (AD) **8.00** Inside the Factory **9.00** Bangers and Cash **1.00pm** Abandoned Engineering: triple bill (AD) **4.00** Bangers and Cash: double bill
6.00pm Bangers and Cash Derek collects a Jaguar Mark 2 and explains why they made such poor getaway cars for 1960s bank robbers.
7.00 Open All Hours Arkwright has a rival for Nurse Gladys Emmanuel's attention.
7.40 Granville decides to change his image with the help of some trendy clothes.
8.20 Granville places an ad in a lonely hearts magazine and meets the girl of his dreams.
9.00 Bangers and Cash A rare 1980s Sierra Cosworth draws in a crowd of admiring Ford fans, while a restorer delights buyers with his immaculate 1966 Sunbeam Rapier.
10.00 Derek dives into the lost Jowett marque, as a Bradford-built 1952 Javelin finds an unexpected home.
11.00 A 1970s Bond Bug three-wheeler divides opinion, while a retired engineer reluctantly auctions off a 60s Jaguar Mark 2.
12 midnight First episode of the series going behind the scenes of a North Yorkshire-based, family-run historic car auction business.
1.00-3.00am Impossible Engineering (AD)
Yesterday Freeview 27 Freesat 159 Sky 155 Virgin 129
+1 Freeview 75 Sky 255 Virgin 217

Dave

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7.15am Eddie Eats America **7.50** Rick Stein's Long Weekends (AD) **8.50** Rick Stein's Taste of Shanghai (AD) **9.50** Soapbox Race **10.50** Top Gear (AD)
12.30pm Storage Hunters UK **1.00** Celebrity Storage Hunters **2.00** Top Gear (AD) **4.00** Travel Man: 48 Hours in Barcelona (AD) **4.30** Travel Man: 48 Hours in Istanbul (AD) **5.00** QI XL
6.00pm Would I Lie to You? Previously unseen material from the panel show.
6.40 With Claudia Winkleman, Clive Anderson, Jason Manford and Miranda Hart.
7.20 Jack Whitehall, Frankie Boyle, Christine Bleakley and Kelvin MacKenzie guest.
8.00 Not Going Out 4/5 Series 11. Lee makes contact with an ex-girlfriend via Facebook.
8.40 5/5. A piece of family history is unearthed that is best left buried.
9.20 1/8 Series 6. Lucy runs over a rabbit belonging to the daughter of a client.
10.00 Outsiders 4/6 Series 2. The comedians put their knot skills to the test. (AD)
11.00 FILM Bad Boys II ★★ Action comedy thriller starring Martin Lawrence and Will Smith as two motormouth Miami cops. (W)
2.00am Dave Gorman: Modern Life Is Goodish **2.50-4.00am** Hypothetical: comedy game show
Dave F'view 19 F'sat 157 Sky 111 (Wales 112) Virgin HD 127
Dave Ja Vu Freeview 74 Sky 211 (Wales 212) Virgin 131

W

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6.10am The Bill **11.00** Tipping Point
3.00pm My Family: five editions
6.20pm My Family 3/9 Series 7. Susan and Ben renew their wedding vows.
7.00 In a festive special from 2007, Susan pretends a quiet Christmas away would be better for Ben than being at home.
8.20 Ben meets his match in a no-nonsense jeweller. A Christmas special from 2008. (AD)
9.40 Gavin & Stacey The couple make an announcement in this festive edition. (AD)
11.00 Miranda The shop owner has two proposals to decide between. (AD)
11.40 Louis Theroux: Law and Disorder in Philadelphia The award-winning journalist joins police patrols on the beat. (AD)
1.00am Louis Theroux: Mothers on the Edge (AD)
2.15-3.00am Inside the Ambulance
W Freeview 25 Freesat 156 Sky 132 Virgin HD 125
+1 Sky 232 Virgin 190

5 USA

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9.00am Murder, She Wrote: nine episodes (AD)
6.00pm Murder, She Wrote: triple bill. Cabot Cove is thrust into the limelight **7.00** A weekend at a ski lodge turns to terror **8.00** Jessica helps a friend arrested for murder (AD)
9.00 Criminal Minds: *Series 5.* Double bill. The team travels to Oklahoma City to help local authorities track a serial killer, then a rock star's tour coincides with a series of murders
11.00 Blue Bloods: double bill. *Series 1.* Danny investigates the death of a former marine, then Danny is determined to lock up a notorious drug lord, but then finds himself in a fight to protect his family **12.55am** Law & Order: Criminal Intent **3.35-4.00am** Criminals: Caught on Camera
5 USA Freeview 21 Freesat 129 Sky 141 Virgin 153
+1 Freesat 130 Sky 241 Virgin 185

5 Star

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8.00am Entertainment News **8.10** Dogs with Extraordinary Friends **9.00** Amazing Cleans **10.00 FILM** Memories of Christmas ★★ **11.50 FILM** Beaches ★★★ **2.25pm FILM** The First Wives Club ★★★★★ Comedy starring Bette Midler and Goldie Hawn **4.35 FILM** My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2 ★★★ Romantic comedy starring Nia Vardalos
6.30pm FILM About Time ★★★★★ Romantic sci-fi comedy starring Domhnall Gleeson, Rachel McAdams and Bill Nighy.
9.00 FILM Saving Private Ryan ★★★★★ Second World War drama directed by Steven Spielberg and starring Tom Hanks, Tom Sizemore and Edward Burns, and featuring Matt Damon. As the horror of the Normandy landings takes its toll, three brothers lie dead. Captain Miller is sent on a special mission in occupied France to bring home the fourth brother, Private Ryan – no matter the cost.
12.25am FILM The Hunger Games: Mockingjay Part 1 ★★★★★ Action adventure starring Jennifer Lawrence **2.45** Criminals: Caught on Camera **3.45-4.00am** Entertainment News
5 Star Freeview 32 Freesat 131 Sky 128 Virgin 151
+1 Freesat 141 Sky 228 Virgin 186

5 Action

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9.00am The Gadget Show: Better Tech, Better Life **10.00** Trucking Hell **11.00** Police Interceptors
1.05pm FILM Lone Star ★★ (BW) **3.10 FILM** The Way West ★★★★★ Western based on the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel by AB Guthrie Jr, starring Kirk Douglas, Robert Mitchum and Richard Widmark
5.40pm FILM A Bridge Too Far ★★ All-star Second World War drama based on a true story, starring Dirk Bogarde. September 1944: a military operation, in which thousands of Allied troops are parachuted into Holland to secure six bridges leading to Germany, does not go according to plan.
9.00 FILM Fire with Fire ★★ Action crime drama starring Josh Duhamel and Bruce Willis. After witnessing a racist double murder, fireman Jeremy Coleman is put into a witness protection scheme. But when he begins a relationship with one of his protection officers, they both become a target.
11.00 FILM King Arthur ★★ Period action adventure starring Clive Owen.
1.25am Lucifer: triple bill **4.10-5.00am** World's Deadliest Weather: Caught on Camera
5 Action F'view 33 F'sat 132 Sky 150 Virgin 187/HD 150

5 Select

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9.00am The Yorkshire Vet (AD) **9.25 FILM** Christmas Wishes and Mistletoe Kisses ★★ **11.15** GPs: behind Closed Doors (AD) **12.15pm** D-Day: Secret Raids That Won the War
1.40 Drain the Oceans: back-to-back editions
6.55pm Pirate Ships of the Caribbean: Drain the Oceans Lost shipwrecks reveal how the Caribbean became the ultimate pirate sea.
8.00 America's Last Slave Ship: Drain the Oceans Archaeologists explore a wreck that could be the last-ever slave ship.
9.00 The Chernobyl Disaster: Meltdown The events that led up to the disaster in 1986.
10.00 The Chernobyl Disaster: Firestorm Firefighters battle to control the blaze.
11.00 The Chernobyl Disaster: Fallout
12 midnight The Highland Vet: double bill
2.00am Classic Cash in the Attic: double bill
3.45-4.00am Entertainment News
5 Select F'view (HD only) 56 F'sat 133 Sky 153 Virgin 152

FREEVIEW TV and film channels continue overleaf

BBC News Freeview 231 Freesat 212 Sky 503 Virgin 601 **Sky News** Freeview 233 Freesat 202 Sky 501 Virgin 603 BT 313

SATURDAY Freeview & films

PBS America 84



The Soviet Union: 100th Anniversary 1922 7.50pm

8.00am Beautiful Serengeti **8.45** Russia 1917: Countdown to Revolution (S) **10.00** The Soviet Union: 100th Anniversary 1922 **1.00pm** Beautiful Serengeti **1.30** The History of the Red Army **4.05** Russia 1917: Countdown to Revolution (S)

5.20pm The History of the Red Army 1/2. The story of the Soviet military force, which was founded by Leon Trotsky in 1918. **6.35 2/2.** How the soldiers of the Red Army fell into disgrace after the Second World War.

7.50 The Soviet Union: 100th Anniversary 1922 The story of the creation of the Soviet Union. **8.50** Examining the rise of the Soviet Union and how it became so powerful. **9.50** The collapse of the Soviet Union and the fall of communism.

10.45 Russia 1917: Countdown to Revolution Russia's transition from tsarist autocracy to communist state. (S)

12 midnight The American Führer **1.00–2.00am** Beautiful Serengeti
PBS America F'view 84 (1pm–12 midnight only)
Freesat 155 **Sky** 174 **Virgin** 273

Pick 36

6.00am Nothing to Declare **11.00** Border Security USA (AD) **12 noon** Highway Cops (AD) **1.00pm** Motorway Patrol **2.00 New.** Wild Tales from the Farm: the cows enjoy holiday treats and a concert (AD) **3.00** Christmas Winter Wonderland **4.00 New.** Wild Kingdoms: the African rainforests, home to chimpanzees, gorillas and forest elephants (AD) **5.00 New.** Wild Survivors: a look at how Zambia's Luangwa Valley is in constant flux **6.00** Road Wars **8.00** The Force: Manchester **9.00** Caught on Dashcam **10.00** World's Most Evil Killers: the crimes committed by Robert Berdella (AD) **11.00** Made for Murder **12 midnight** Ross Kemp: Extreme World (AD) **1.00am** Caribbean Cops (AD) **2.00** Border Security: Australia's Front Line **4.00–6.00am** Police Ten 7
Pick F'view 36 F'sat 144 **Sky** 151 **Virgin** 156

HGTV 44

7.00am Escape to the Country **11.00** My Lottery Dream Home International **3.00pm** A Place in the Sun: five back-to-back editions **8.00** Escape to the Country: helping a globe-trotting young couple search for a permanent sanctuary in the Lincolnshire countryside **9.00** My Dream Derelict Home in the Sun **10.00** Escape to the Country: triple bill. A couple search for a property in the Hampshire countryside **11.00** Two returning expats search for a rural family home **12 midnight** A property in the north Somerset countryside **1.00am** Unsellable Houses **2.00** Escape to the Country **3.00–4.00am** Homes under the Hammer
HGTV F'view 44 F'sat 166 **Sky** 158 **Virgin** 286
+1 **Sky** 258 **Virgin** 290

FREEVIEW channels continued from overleaf

Smithsonian 57



Private Lives of the Windsors 7.00pm A royal mentorship

6.00am Aerial America (HD) **1.00pm** An American Aristocrat's Guide to Great Estates (HD) **3.00** Inside the Christmas Factory (HD) **4.00** Henry VIII and the King's Men (HD)

6.00pm Henry VIII and the King's Men 3/4. How the men around Henry VIII shaped the final part of his reign. (HD)

7.00 Private Lives of the Windsors 1/3 Series 2. Louis Mountbatten's unusual relationship with a philandering wife and his mentorship of Prince Charles. **8.00 2/3.** Memories of Princess Margaret. (HD) **9.00 3/3.** The life of Elizabeth, the Queen Mother. (HD)

10.00 Henry VIII and the King's Men 1/4. A look at Henry VIII through the eyes of the men who exploited his vulnerability. (HD) **11.00 2/4.** How Henry VIII entrusted a huge amount of power to the men around him. (HD) **12 midnight** as 6pm **1.00am** Private Lives of the Windsors (HD) **4.00–6.00am** Aerial Britain (HD)

Smithsonian Freeview (HD only) 57
Freesat 175 **Sky** 171 **Virgin** 276

Great TV 50

6.00am Highway to Heaven **12 noon** **FILM** Love Always, Santa **2.00** Romance **1.50pm** Movie News **2.00** **FILM** Finding Father Christmas **3.00** Romantic drama with Erin Krakow **3.45** **FILM** A Family for the Holidays **4.00** Romance **5.30** **FILM** Marrying Father Christmas **6.00** Festive romance **7.15pm** **FILM** Marry Me at Christmas **8.00** Romantic comedy starring Rachel Skarsten **9.00pm** Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? **1.00am** Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased) **2.00–6.00am** Castle

Great TV Freeview 50 (limited) **Freesat** 142 **Sky** 157 **Virgin** 189 **+1** **Freesat** 143 **Sky** 257

RealityXtra 68

9.00am 48 Hours **12 noon** Evidence of Evil **2.00pm** Medical Detectives **4.00** Judge Judy **9.00** The Day I Should Have Died: the case of Margaret Mountney, who married Peter Tobin when she was 17 **10.00** NCIS: double bill. Gibbs finds himself on a ship that has been commandeered by pirates, then the team investigates the murder of a navy commander's wife **12 midnight** NCIS: three episodes **3.00–6.00am** Judge Judy

RealityXtra Freeview 68 **Freesat** 134 **Sky** 147 **Virgin** 197

BBC Parliament 232

6.00am Westminster Hall **11.00** PMQs **11.35** Scottish First Minister's Questions **12.35pm** Welsh First Minister's Questions **1.35** House of Commons **3.05** Scottish Parliament **4.05** House of Lords **6.00** Select Committees **12 midnight** Prime Minister's Questions **12.35am** Scottish First Minister's Questions **1.35** Welsh First Minister's Questions **2.35** House of Commons **4.05** Scottish Parliament **5.05–6.00am** House of Lords

BBC Parliament Freeview 232 **Freesat** 201 **Sky** 504 **Virgin** 605

Food Network 43



Rachel Khoo's Chocolate Special 6.00pm Festive treats

6.00am Guy's Grocery Games (HD) **7.00** Christmas Cookie Challenge (HD) **8.00** Magnolia Table with Joanna Gaines (HD) **8.30** Delicious Miss Brown (S) (HD) **9.30** Farmhouse Rules (S) (HD) **11.00** Rachael Ray's Easy Holiday Feast (HD) **12 noon** The Hairy Bikers Home for Christmas (S) (HD) **4.00pm** Rachel Allen's Easy Christmas (S) (HD) **4.30** Rachel Allen's Christmas Cake Diaries (S) (HD) **5.00** Ainsley's Good Mood Food Christmas Special (HD) **6.00** Rachel Khoo's Chocolate Special (S) (HD) **7.00** Gok Wan's Easy Asian Christmas: double bill (S) (HD) **9.00** Tom Kerridge's Christmas Dinner: Tom shares his recipes for his favourite meal of the year, Christmas dinner (HD) **10.00** Jamie's Festive Feast: Jamie Oliver prepares dishes for lazy winter days (S) (HD) **11.00 New.** Christmas Cookie Challenge: creating cookie self-portraits using vibrant ingredients (HD) **12 midnight New.** Gingerbread Giants Two (HD) **1.00am** Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives (S) (HD) **2.00–3.00am** Tom Kerridge Barbecues (S) (HD)

Food Network Freeview 43 **Freesat** 148 **Sky** 140 **Virgin** 285

Blaze 64

6.00am Walking through History **8.00** The Search for the Tesla Files **9.00** Mega Disasters **11.00** Hardcore Pawn **1.00pm** Alien Files: Unsealed **3.00** Ancient Aliens: five editions. Theorists speculate about the existence of black holes on Earth **4.00** Giant ancient drawings found etched into a desert floor **5.00** Top-secret extraterrestrial experiments taking place at multiple locations **6.00** A mysterious culture in the ancient world in Sardinia **7.00** A Polynesian land of bizarre figures and forbidden places **8.00** Deep Water Salvage **9.00 New.** Battle of Alcatraz: a famous jailbreak attempt in 1946 **10.00** Alcatraz Escape: the Lost Evidence **12 midnight** Evil Encounters **1.00am** Phantom Signals **2.00** Nature Gone Wild **3.00–6.00am** Hardcore Pawn
Blaze F'view 64 F'sat 162 **Sky** 164 **Virgin** 199

Challenge 48

7.00am The Chase **9.00** Scrapheap Challenge **10.00** Family Fortunes (AD) **1.30pm** All Star Family Fortunes: double bill. A *Dancing on Ice* team led by Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean take on *Coronation Street* actors for the chance to win up to £30,000 for their chosen charities, then dancer and choreographer Wayne Sleep and his family take on Girls Aloud's Kimberley Walsh and her clan **3.00** Strike It Lucky **4.00** Tenable **5.00** The Chase **9.00** The Chase Celebrity Special: news presenter Alastair Stewart, Atomic Kitten Natasha Hamilton, and TV presenters Keith Chegwin and Kim Woodburn work together to outwit the Chaser and win thousands of pounds for charity. Presented by Bradley Walsh **10.00** The Chase **11.00** Bullseye **4.00–6.00am** The Chase

Challenge Freeview 48 **Freesat** 146 **Sky** 145 **Virgin** 160

CHILDREN'S

Milkshake! on C5

6.00am Peppa Pig **6.10** Brave Bunnies **6.15** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom **6.30** Noddy: Toyland Detective **6.40** Thomas & Friends **7.05** Milo **7.15** Pip and Posy **7.20** Peppa Pig **7.25** Fireman Sam **8.00** Paw Patrol **8.35 New.** The Adventures of Paddington **9.00 New.** Pop Paper City **9.20 New.** Mimi's World **9.30 New.** The World According to Grandpa **9.45 New.** Cooking with the Gills **9.55–10.05am New.** Show Me How
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CBeebies 202

6.00am Baby Jake **6.10** Twirlywoos **6.20** Bing **6.30** Love Monster **6.35** Chuggington **6.50** Go Jetters **7.00** Postman Pat: SDS **7.15** Bing **7.35** Hey Duggee **7.50** Go Jetters **8.00** Peter Rabbit **8.15** Octonauts **8.25** Chuggington **8.35** Bitz & Bob **8.50** The Furchester Hotel **9.00** Something Special: We're All Friends **9.20** Bluey **9.30** CBeebies Presents: Christmas in Storyland **10.15** Woolly and Tig: Christmas Magic **10.25 New.** Pffirates **10.40** Swashbuckle **11.05** Pinocchio and Friends **11.15** Dog Loves Books **11.20** Tee and Mo **11.30** Timmy Time **11.35** Waffle the Wonder Dog **11.50** JoJo & Gran Gran **12 noon New.** Big Cook Little Cook **12.20pm** Old Jack's Boat **12.35** Hey Duggee **12.40** Messy Goes to OKIDO **1.00** Bitz & Bob **1.10** Love Monster **1.15** Nick Cope's Popcast **1.25** Go Jetters **1.45** Dog Loves Books **1.55** Timmy Time **2.00** Something Special: We're All Friends **2.20** Ranger Hamza's Eco Quest **2.35** Molly and Mack **2.50** Kiri & Lou **2.55** Pablo **3.05** School of Roars **3.15** Dog Squad **3.25** Apple Tree House **3.40** Andy's Wild Adventures **3.55** Numberblocks **4.00** Hey Duggee **4.05** Magic Hands **4.15** Treasure Champs **4.30** Supertato **4.40** Bluey **4.45** Charlie and Lola **5.10** Love Monster **5.25** Hey Duggee: The Christmas Badge **5.35** Olga Da Polga **5.45** Sarah & Duck: Bug helps Sarah find some lights **5.50** Charlie and Lola **6.05pm** Tee and Mo **6.10** Clangers **6.20** In the Night Garden... **6.50–7.00pm** CBeebies Bedtime Stories: with Joanna Page

CBeebies F'view 202 F'sat 608 **Sky** 608 **Virgin** 702

CBBC 201

7.00am Shaun the Sheep **7.10** Danger Mouse **7.30** Boy Girl Dog Cat Mouse Cheese **7.45 New.** Newsround **7.50** Dennis & Gnasher Unleashed! **8.05** Odd Squad **8.20 New.** Oswald **8.30** Shaun the Sheep **8.40** Pokémon: Sun and Moon **9.00 New.** Saturday Mash-Up! **11.30 New.** Blue Peter **12 noon** The Football Academy **12.25pm** Ninja Express **12.50** Boy Girl Dog Cat Mouse Cheese **1.15** Shaun the Sheep **1.20** Oswald **1.55** Princess Mirror-Belle **2.20** The Dumping Ground **2.50** So Awkward **3.45** The Next Step **4.10** Bro's in Control **4.25** Odd Squad **4.35** Pokémon: Sun and Moon **5.00** We Bare Bears **5.10** Summer Camp Island **5.20–7.00pm** **FILM** Kubo and the Two Strings **5.45** Animated fantasy adventure from the makers of *Coraline* and *The Boxtrolls*, featuring the voices of Charlize Theron, Matthew McConaughey and Art Parkinson

CBBC F'view 201 F'sat 607 **Sky** 607 **Virgin** 701

CITV

6.00am The Rubbish World of Dave Spud **6.35** Thunderbirds Are Go **7.00** Dare Master **7.05** Teen Titans Go! **7.30** DC Super Hero Girls **8.00** Scooby-Doo and Guess Who? **8.25** 50/50 Heroes **8.55** Jurassic World Camp Cretaceous **9.25** Tata and Kuma **9.30** Be Cool, Scooby-Doo! **10.25** Mr Magoo **11.45** Teen Titans Go! **1.00pm** Makeaway Takeaway **1.30** Mini Movies **2.00** DC Super Hero Girls **3.30** Jurassic World Camp Cretaceous **5.00** Scooby-Doo and Guess Who? **6.25** Tata and Kuma **6.30** Mr Bean: the Animated Series **7.30** How: double bill. How to look like a jet-setter, then how a nappy can protect your possessions **8.25** Drop Dead Weird: Bunni concludes that Maggie is a witch **8.55–9.00pm** Dare Master

CITV F'view 203 F'sat 602 **Sky** 612 **Virgin** 734

FILMS

Film4 14

11.00am The Straight Story **★★★★** An ageing Iowa farmer sets off on a lawnmower to visit his sick brother in this gentle, whimsical road movie. Richard Farnsworth (1999, U) (S)

1.15pm Entrapment **★★** Mechanical romantic thriller in which insurance investigator Catherine Zeta-Jones sets out to catch master thief Sean Connery. (1999, 12) (S) (AD)

3.30 Star Trek: the Motion Picture **★★★★** Epic if slow-moving big-screen debut for the crew of the starship *Enterprise*, which begins a season of *Trek* films on Film4. William Shatner (1979, U) (S) (AD)

6.10pm Independence Day **★★★★** This spectacular sci-fi blockbuster sees gigantic alien spacecraft hover above major cities and set about destroying everything below. Will Smith (1996, 12) (S) (AD)

9.00 The Italian Job **★★★** Glossy Hollywood remake of the popular 1969 crime caper, in which thief Mark Wahlberg plots revenge on a double-crossing associate. Edward Norton (2003, 12) (S)

11.10 Star Trek II: the Wrath of Khan **★★★★** A training mission is threatened by an old enemy in this stirring sci-fi adventure. William Shatner (1982, 12) (S) (AD)

1.25–3.45am Sputnik **★★★** Creepy, slow-burning Russian sci-fi about a cosmonaut who picks up a "travelling companion" inside his body. Oksana Akinshina (2020, 15) (S)

Film4 Freeview 14 **Freesat** 300 **Sky** 313 **Virgin** 428/HD 429
+1 F'view 47 F'sat 301 **Sky** 314 **Virgin** 430

Talking Pictures TV 82

6.00am Deadly Nightshade **★★** Engaging British crime quickie. Emrys Jones (1953, PG) **7.15 Target Earth** **★** Tedious sci-fi. Richard Denning (1954) (S)

9.00 Saturday Morning Pictures Vintage serials, plus *Mr Horatio Knibbles* (1971). (S) **12 noon The Phantom Planet** **★** Plodding futuristic space opera. (1961) (S) **1.40pm Do Detectives Think?** Laurel & Hardy comedy short. **2.05 Dr Who and the Daleks** **★★★** Peter Cushing plays the time-travelling Doctor in this entertaining first big-screen outing for the BBC's sci-fi TV series. (1965, U) (S) **3.45 Abandon Ship** **★★★** Tyrone Power takes charge of a lifeboat of shipwreck survivors in this watchable drama. (1957) (S)

5.45pm Sherlock Holmes: Terror by Night **★★★** Neat Sherlock Holmes mystery that moves just about fast enough to skim over the potholes in the plot. Basil Rathbone (1946, U)

7.00 In Suspicious Circumstances TV drama. (S)

8.00 Maigret 1960s TV drama. (S)

9.05 The Wimbledon Poisoner Black comedy with Robert Lindsay and Alison Steadman. Concludes tomorrow. **See Choice p46.** (S)

10.20 711 Ocean Drive **★★** Mediocre drama in which Edmond O'Brien's telephone engineer is lured into organised crime. (1950)

12.25am Confessions of a Window Cleaner **★** Dire sex comedy. Robin Askwith, Anthony Booth, Sheila White (1974, 18)

2.15 Farewell, My Lovely **★★★★** Atmospheric adaptation of Raymond Chandler's novel, with Robert Mitchum in fine form as private eye Philip Marlowe. Charlotte Rampling (1975, 15)

4.15–6.00am Alf's Button Afloat **★★★★** Affable fantasy comedy. Bud Flanagan, Chesney Allen, Jimmy Nervo (1938, U)

Talking Pictures TV Freeview 82
Freesat 306 **Sky** 328 **Virgin** 445



FILM REVIEWS



Emma. ★★★★★ 6.35-8.35pm **BBC2** **U**

DRAMA Jane Austen's matchmaking tale is handsomely brought to the screen with Anya Taylor-Joy as the meddling romantic causing havoc in Georgian England. She plays Emma with intelligence and wit, making her schemes a ballet of subtlety. Johnny Flynn is more brooding as George Knightley, but his journey from critic to love interest feels authentic, and there are excellent comic turns from the likes of Josh O'Connor, Bill Nighy and Miranda Hart. Bringing a new perspective to a literary classic is no mean feat, but director Autumn de Wilde's skilful use of a talented cast makes *Emma* feel as relevant as ever. **JAMES LUXFORD** (UK/US/Chi 2020, HD)

A Christmas Story ★★★★★
10.00-11.30am **BBC2** **PG**

COMEDY A look at what it's like to be an avaricious child at Christmas, this hugely enjoyable movie is full of home truths and a merciful lack of saccharine. Even more surprising is that it is directed by Bob Clark, who made the smutty teen comedy *Porky's*. Peter Billingsley plays Ralphie, and his quest for juvenile justice and a Red Ryder BB gun is an enormous joy. **SUE HEAL** (US 1983, HD)

A Matter of Life and Death ★★★★★
2.00-3.45pm **BBC2** **U**

FANTASY Michael Powell and Emeric Pressburger's dazzling movie stars David Niven as an RAF pilot who survives a plane crash, but is then told he was meant to die and must plead his case in heaven. The film is a thinly veiled allegory questioning Britain's status as a world power, and its visual audacity and mannered playing have made it an enduring classic. **DAVID PARKINSON** (UK 1946, BW/col, HD)

Nativity 2: Danger in the Manger! ★★
4.50-6.35pm **BBC2** **U**

COMEDY David Tennant stars in this twee sequel to the

2009 schoolroom tale. He is new teacher Mr Peterson, who is persuaded by class assistant Mr Poppy (Marc Wootton) to take his pupils to a Christmas song competition in rural Wales. What follows is predictable, frenetic and overplayed, but saving it from tipping into awfulness are the adorable non-actors playing the schoolkids. **DAVE ALDRIDGE** (UK 2012, HD)

Ocean's 8 ★★★
7.00-9.10pm **ITV1** **12**

CAPER A gang targets a priceless necklace at New York's Met Gala in this all-female spin-off from the *Ocean's* trilogy. The heist is as ingenious as it is preposterous, but where the film shines is in its cast, with Sandra Bullock, Cate Blanchett, Anne Hathaway, Rihanna, Helena Bonham Carter and Awkwafina all rising to the occasion. **EMMA SIMMONDS** (US 2017, edited for language, drug abuse, HD)

A Christmas Carol ★★★
7.25-9.15pm **C5** **PG**

DRAMA With this TV movie, Patrick Stewart proves himself worthy company for those other screen Scrooges: Alastair Sim, Albert Finney and George C Scott. This may not be the most lavish or inventive adaptation of Charles Dickens's tale, but



Films on BBC1 & ITV1 may be affected by World Cup football

Joel Grey and Desmond Barrit acquit themselves well as two of the spirits who transform Ebenezer from a penny-pinching curmudgeon into a joyous reveller. **DP** (US TVM 1999, HD)

Murder on the Orient Express ★★★★★
9.15-11.25pm **C4** **12**

MYSTERY This retelling of the Agatha Christie novel ticks all the whodunnit boxes, despite the distraction of director/star Kenneth Branagh's extraordinary moustache as Hercule Poirot. The plot sees a group of train passengers fall under suspicion when one of their number meets a grisly demise, with Michelle Pfeiffer, Judi Dench, Josh Gad and Penélope Cruz among the suspects. **TERRY STAUNTON** (US/Malta 2017, violence, HD)

Captain America: the Winter Soldier ★★★★★
10.35pm-12.45am **BBC1** **12**

ADVENTURE Chris Evans returns in his second solo outing as Steve Rogers, joining Scarlett Johansson's Black Widow and Anthony Mackie's Falcon to take on a mysterious assassin. The story plays like an old-school political thriller, and the character interplay, astute direction and strong emotional themes make it compelling viewing. **ALAN JONES** (US 2014, violence, HD)

Sky Cinema picks

The Croods 2: a New Age ★★★★★
12.15-1.55pm **Sky Animation**
Prehistoric fun. (2020, U)
Sky 305; Virgin 412; BT 500/514

Little Women ★★★ 6.00-8.00pm **Sky Christmas**
Winona Ryder stars. (1994, U)
Sky 303; Virgin 410; BT 510/524

The Matrix Resurrections ★★★ 8.00-10.30pm
Sky Cinema Sci-Fi/Horror
Keanu Reeves is back. (2021, 15)
Sky 311; Virgin 411; BT 511/525

Ghost Busters ★★★★★
8.10-10.00pm **Sky Family**
Who you gonna call? (1984, PG)
Sky 306; Virgin 406; BT 506/520

Films to stream from p36
Netflix, Amazon, Disney+ and more

Sky Premiere

6.15am The Northman As 3.50pm
8.35 The Outfit ★★★ Effective 1950s-set crime drama. Mark Rylance, Zoey Deutch (2022, 15)
10.25 The Nan Movie As 10.55pm
12.05pm Prancer: a Christmas Tale ★★ Warm-hearted family drama. James Cromwell (2022)
2.05 A Christmas Story Christmas ★★ Comedy sequel. Peter Billingsley, Erinn Hayes (2022)
3.50 The Northman ★★★★★ Spectacular Viking revenge saga starring Alexander Skarsgard as a warrior prince. Nicole Kidman (2022, 15)
6.10pm The Batman ★★★★★ Robert Pattinson convinces as the Caped Crusader in this starry, ultra-moody action fantasy. (2022, 15)
9.15 This Is Christmas ★★ Feel-good British romantic comedy featuring a host of familiar faces. Alfred Enoch, Kaya Scodelario, Timothy Spall (2022)
10.55 The Nan Movie ★ Catherine Tate stars in this woeful road-movie comedy. Matthew Horne (2022, 15)
12.35am Together Together ★★ Bittersweet romcom. Ed Helms (2021, 15)
2.10 The Outfit As 8.35am
4.00 A Christmas Story Christmas As 2.05pm
5.45 Sky Cinema Preview
Sky Premiere Sky 301 Virgin 401 BT 501/HD 515 **+1 Sky 312**

Great Movies

9.10am A Twin Sister's Obsession ★★ Nicely played thriller. (2018)
11.00 Her Boyfriend's Secret ★★ Routine TV thriller. Kelly Sullivan (2018)
1.00pm Past Obsessions ★★ Made-for-TV thriller. (2011)
3.00 Eve of Abduction ★★ Neatly plotted thriller. (2018)
5.00 Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure ★★★★★ Gloriously dumb comedy about two slackers who travel through time. Keanu Reeves, Alex Winter (1989, PG)
6.50pm Splash ★★★★★ Charming romantic fantasy comedy about a mermaid who takes human form and finds love. Tom Hanks, Daryl Hannah (1984, PG)
9.00 The Score ★★ Smart heist thriller with Marlon Brando, Robert De Niro and Edward Norton. (2001, 15)
11.25 Stratton ★★ Humdrum action movie. Dominic Cooper (2017, 15)
1.15am As Good as It Gets ★★★★★ An all-round bigot is forced to change his ways in this offbeat romantic comedy drama. Jack Nicholson (1997, 15)
4.05-6.00am The Heist ★★ Charming comedy caper. Morgan Freeman, Christopher Walken, William H Macy (2009, 12)
Great Movies Freeview 34 **Freesat** 302 **Sky** 321 **Virgin** 425 **+1 Freeview** 61 (*limited* 10pm-5am) **Sky** 322

Great Movies Christmas

6.00am A Christmas Wedding ★★ Romantic comedy. (2006, PG)
8.00 A Christmas Wedding Date ★★ Undemanding romantic comedy. (2012, PG)
10.00 My Santa ★★ Sentimental fantasy romance. (2013)
12 noon Enchanted Christmas ★★ Sweet enough romance. (2017)
2.00pm A Christmas Kiss ★★ Predictable but fun romance. (2011)
4.00 Another Christmas Kiss ★★ Easy-going romantic comedy. (2014)
6.00pm Merry Kissmas ★★ A woman is torn between two men in this slight romcom. Karissa Staples (2015)
8.00 Crown for Christmas ★★ Lovably lavish holiday fantasy. (2015)
10.00 Hats Off to Christmas ★★ Undemanding drama. Haylie Duff (2013)
12 midnight Hearts of Christmas ★★ Drama. (2016)
2.10am Highway to Heaven **3.00 Christmas Do-Over** ★★ Derivative fantasy comedy. (2006)
4.30-6.00am Golden Winter ★★ Straightforward comedy. (2012, U)
Great Movies Christmas F'view 52 (*limited*) **Freesat** 303 **Sky** 319 **Virgin** 424 **+1 F'view** 63 (*limited* 10pm-5am) **F'sat** 304 **Sky** 320

TCM Movies

6.00am Hollywood's Best Film Directors **6.35** The Man from UNCLE: five episodes **12.10pm The Man from Galveston** ★★ Skimpily plotted courtroom drama. Jeffrey Hunter, Preston Foster (1964, U)
1.20 Fort Worth ★★ Predictable western. Randolph Scott (1951, U)
3.00 Rio Bravo ★★★★★ Classic western in which a tough sheriff stands firm against a powerful cattle baron. John Wayne, Dean Martin (1958, PG)
5.55pm Ice Station Zebra ★★ A remote polar outpost is dragged into the Cold War in this watchable adventure. Rock Hudson (1968, U)
9.00 Empire State ★★ Strange-but-true crime yarn with Liam Hemsworth and Dwayne Johnson. Emma Roberts (2013, 15)
11.00 Halloween II ★★ By-the-numbers horror sequel. Jamie Lee Curtis, Donald Pleasence, Charles Cyphers (1981, 18)
12.55am Westworld ★★★★★ Chilling futuristic thriller about a holiday resort where the android population begins to malfunction. Yul Brynner, Richard Benjamin, James Brolin (1973, 15)
2.35 Off Set **3.00 Close Up** **5.00** Hollywood's Best Film Directors
TCM Movies Sky 315 **Virgin** 415/HD 416 **+1 Sky** 316 **Virgin** 417

Great Movies Action

6.00am Wings at War 2: Target Germany **7.00 The Rough, Tough West** ★★ Watchable western. (1952, U)
8.05 The Pathfinder ★★ Colourful period adventure. (1952, U)
9.45 The Nevadan ★★ Entertaining western. Randolph Scott (1950, U)
11.30 Meek's Cutoff ★★★★★ Atmospheric western. Michelle Williams (2010, PG)
1.40pm Eight Iron Men ★★ Long-winded wartime drama. (1952)
3.20 Hell Boats ★★ Feeble war drama. (1970)
5.10 The Dirty Dozen: the Fatal Mission ★★ Tepid adventure. (1988, PG)
7.15pm The Red Beret ★★ Rip-roaring Second World War drama. Alan Ladd, Leo Genn (1953, PG)
9.00 Assassination Games ★★ Punchy thriller in which two killers are offered the same job. (2011, 18)
11.05 Johnny Mnemonic ★★ Turgid sci-fi thriller. Keanu Reeves (1995, 15)
1.00am Crypto ★★ Convoluted thriller. Beau Knapp, Alexis Bledel, Kurt Russell (2019, 15)
3.10-4.00am Bombers of the Second World War
Great Movies Action Freeview 42 (*limited*) **F'sat** 305 **Sky** 323 **Virgin** 426 **+1 Sky** 324

Legend

7.00am Tales from the Darkside
8.00 An Eye for an Eye ★★ Labourled western about a couple of gunslingers. Robert Lansing, Pat Wayne (1966)
10.00 Knight Rider: five episodes
3.00pm Moby Dick ★★ Watchable low-budget update of the whaling classic. Barry Bostwick, Renée O'Connor (2010, 12)
4.50 Bermuda Tentacles ★★ Something lurking in the ocean's depths threatens a rescue mission in this sci-fi horror. Linda Hamilton (2014)
6.40pm Monster Island ★★ Cheap action horror. Eric Roberts, Toshi Toda (2019, 12)
8.30 Tales from the Darkside TV horror anthology series.
9.00 Lonesome Dove Church ★★ Patchy western with Tom Berenger as a preacher who comes to the aid of his son. Greyson Holt (2014)
10.50 Urban Legend ★★ College students are bumped off in the manner of urban myths in this horror thriller. Alicia Witt, Jared Leto (1998, 18)
12.50am Death Trench ★★ Well-mounted First World War horror. (2017, 18)
2.35-4.30am Paradise Cove ★★ Low-grade thriller. Todd Grinnell, Kristin Bauer van Straten (2021, 15)
Legend F'view 41 **F'sat** 137 **Sky** 148 **Virgin** 149

Sky Showcase



Beverly Hills Cop III 11.40pm
Axel Foley (Eddie Murphy)

6.00am Futurama (S) **8.30** Extreme Snakes **10.30 New.** Soccer AM (HD) **12 noon** The Simpsons (S) **2.35pm** Monkeys: an Amazing Animal Family (S) (AD) (HD) **5.35** Legends of the Pharaohs (HD)

6.40pm Salvage Kings Ep 4 Series 3. Ted and his friend Adam take on a tricky demolition job. (HD)

7.45 Flying Monsters with David Attenborough The broadcaster explores the world of the pterosaur. (S) (AD)

9.15 Elf ★★ ★★

Seasonal comedy fantasy starring Will Ferrell and James Caan. Raised by Santa's helpers at the North Pole, human Buddy resolves to find his real father, Walter, and embarks on an exciting trip to New York. (S) (W)

11.10 Rosie Molloy Gives Up Everything 1/6. Comedy with Sheridan Smith. After an incident at a wedding, a woman decides to change her life by freeing herself of her many addictions. (HD)

11.40 Beverly Hills Cop III ★★ Action comedy starring Eddie Murphy. Detroit cop Axel Foley's boss is murdered. (S) (W)

1.30am Rob and Romesh vs the Three Lions (S) **2.40** The Russell Howard Hour (HD) **3.30-6.00am** Nothing to Declare (S)

Sky Showcase Sky 106 Virgin 110/HD 109 BT 340/HD 355 **+1** Sky 206

Sky Sci-Fi

6.00am Most Haunted **7.00** Warehouse 13 **8.00** Home Shopping **11.00** Fact or Faked: Paranormal Files **12 noon** Quantum Leap

4.00pm Stargate SG-1 3/22 Series 2. Having helped a murderer, Jack and the team are banished to a penal world.

5.00 4/22. Jack and the team are pulled into a virtual-reality loop. **6.00 5/22.** Jackson falls under the spell of an alien princess.

7.00 6/22. An attempt is made to thwart a Goa'uld invasion of a planet that was previously defended by Thor's hammer.

8.00 7/22. The team recovers an alien orb, seemingly thousands of years old, on a long-dead planet.

9.00 New. Chuckie Ep 5 Series 2 RT Devon worries that Good Chuckie cannot be trusted. The party causes Tiffany to spiral.

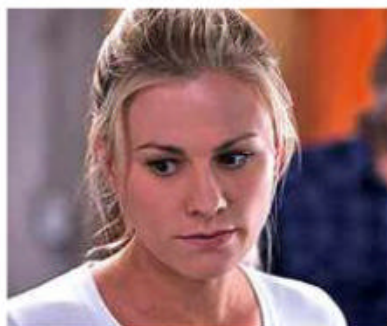
10.00 New. Ep 6. The Catholic School of the Incarnate Lord goes on lockdown with the Chuckie dolls inside. Nica moves forward with her plan. See page 47.

11.00 20.0 Megaquake ★ Disaster movie starring William Baldwin. When California is threatened by an ultra-powerful earthquake, scientists and the emergency services must prevent total disaster.

1.00am Wynonna Earp **2.55** **FILM** Speed Kills ★★ Action thriller based on a true story **5.00-6.00am** Most Haunted

Sky Sci-Fi Sky 139 Virgin 139/HD 138 BT 348/HD 363 **+1** Virgin 229

Sky Atlantic



True Blood 7.55pm Sookie struggles to confront the past

6.00am Urban Secrets (S) **8.00** Fish Town **9.00** Gomorrah (S) **2.30pm** True Blood (S)

6.50pm True Blood 7/12 Series 5 Russell lures more loyalist vampires to his anti-human cause. (S)

7.55 8/12. The Chancellors return to the Authority headquarters and revel in the aftermath of tasting Liliith's blood. (S)

9.00 Game of Thrones 7/10 Series 1. House Lannister prepares for conflict. Ned confronts Cersei about Jon Arryn's death. (S) (AD)

10.05 8/10. Battle commences as the Lannisters launch their bid for the throne. Robb rounds up his allies, Tyrion forms an unlikely alliance and a sinister new enemy emerges at Castle Black. (S) (AD)

11.10 The Nevers 5/6. As the city buzzes with anticipation over a pending execution, Penance grapples with a moral calling at odds with Amalia's plan, and the Orphans must decide whom to follow. (S) (AD)

12.20am 6/6. After Amalia's origin story is revealed, a long-awaited reunion cements the Orphans' mission as the supernatural adventure concludes. (S) (AD)

1.30 Der Pass (S) **2.30** My Brilliant Friend (S) **4.40** The Baby (S) (AD) **5.10-6.00am** Richard E Grant's Hotel Secrets (S) (AD)

Sky Atlantic Sky 108 (Wales 109) BT 342/HD 357 **+1** Sky 208 (Wales 209)

Sky Witness

6.00am Motorbike Cops (S) (HD) **7.00** Border Patrol (S) (HD) **9.00** Paramedics Australia (HD) **11.00** Stop, Search, Seize (S) (HD) **12 noon** The Force: Manchester (S) (HD) **1.00pm** Send in the Dogs (S) **2.00** Nothing to Declare (S)

7.00pm Caught on Dashcam Season special bringing together the most spectacular, mind-boggling and bizarre car crashes and road incidents ever seen. (HD)

8.00 New Amsterdam 1/13 Series 5. Bloom, Iggy and Reynolds rally around Max as he deals with the fallout from Helen's decision. Bloom gives extra space to Leyla but she's in for a surprise. (HD)

9.00 2/13. Max tests a new cost-saving programme that could help New Amsterdam. Wilder struggles with a patient's decision. (HD)

10.00 FBI 21/22 Series 4 When a retired DEA agent is shot outside a bakery, the team works to determine if the victim's past cases or current job are connected to the murder. (HD)

11.00 FBI: International 20/21 The Fly Team and Jaeger head to Berlin when the 19-year-old son of an American billionaire is found unresponsive in his apartment. (HD)

12 midnight FBI: Most Wanted (HD) **1.00am** The Good Doctor (HD) **2.00** Coroner (HD) **3.00** Bull (HD) **4.00** For the People (HD) **5.00-6.00am** Blue Bloods (S) (AD) (HD)

Sky Witness Sky 107 Virgin 112/HD 111 BT 341/HD 356 **+1** Sky 207 Virgin 220

Sky Max



Magnum P.I. 7.00pm
Katsumoto is in danger

6.00am Supergirl (S) (HD) **8.00** A Kylie Christmas (S) (HD) **10.00** Grimm (HD) **2.00pm** Hawaii Five-O (S) (HD)

6.00pm Magnum P.I. 19/20 Series 4. A man hires Thomas and Higgins to investigate a crime he does not remember. (S) (AD) (HD) **7.00 20/20.** Thomas and Higgins go on a dangerous mission when a criminal abducts Katsumoto and his ex-wife Beth. (S) (AD) (HD)

8.00 The Ultimate Christmas Movies A selection of the best festive films ever made. (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 Dating No Filter 1/10 Series 2. Singletons Lloyd and Daisy try their hands at punting on a river date. (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 The Russell Howard Hour Ep 13 Series 6. Topical entertainment show. (HD)

10.45 The Lazarus Project 7/8 George wakes up with everything he wished for, but all is not as it seems and his impulsiveness has disastrous consequences. (S) (AD) (HD)

11.45 Rob and Romesh vs the Three Lions Ep 1 Series 5 Rob and Romesh meet the England men's football team. (HD)

12.40am Road Wars (HD) **1.35** The Force: Manchester (S) (HD) **2.30** Road Wars (S) (HD) **3.00-6.00am** Stop, Search, Seize (S) (AD) (HD)

Sky Max Sky 113 (Wales 114) Virgin 122/HD 121 BT 346/HD 361

Sky Replay

7.00am Dragons: Rescue Riders (S) **9.05** Four Weddings (S) (AD) **11.00** Blood & Treasure (S) (AD) **6.00pm** Blood & Treasure: double bill. Danny and Lexi fall out over whether Reece is responsible for his actions, then Danny realises the truth about Farouk (S) (AD) **8.00** Road Wars: double bill. Police chase a drunk driver in Devon, then a gang mugging leaves a man with a broken nose (S) **10.00** Micah Richards's Player Pranks: the football pundit hosts a hidden camera comedy show, teaming up with Sky Sports colleague Adam Smith to play tricks on football stars **10.30** We're Here: small-town residents participate in a one-night drag performance **11.45** The Russell Howard Hour: topical comedy and entertainment show **12.30am** A League of Their Own (S) (AD) **5.05-6.00am** Four Weddings (S) (AD)

Sky Replay Sky 152 Virgin 180

Sky Crime

6.00am Road Wars (S) **7.00** Highway Patrol (S) (HD) **11.00** Brit Cops: Frontline Crime UK (S) **1.00pm** Road Wars (S) (HD) **2.00** Murdered at First Sight (S) (AD) (HD) **3.00** World's Most Evil Killers (S) (HD) **4.00** Britain's Most Evil Killers (S) (HD) **5.00** Killer in My Village (S) (HD) **6.00** Forensics: Catching the Killer (HD) **7.00** What the Killer Did Next: the story of the murder of a teacher in London (S) (HD) **8.00** World's Most Evil Killers: a killer who chose his victims from their star signs (HD) **9.00** Monster Preacher: a self-proclaimed pastor who kidnapped, tortured and raped six women (S) (AD) **10.30** Britain's Most Evil Killers (S) (HD) **3.30am** Brit Cops: Rapid Response (S) (AD) **4.30-6.00am** Motorway Patrol (S) (AD)

Sky Crime Sky 122 Virgin 137/HD 136 BT 349/HD 364 **+1** Sky 222 Virgin 221

Gold



Mrs Brown's Boys 9.00pm
The 2011 Christmas special

7.10am The Two Ronnies (S) **8.35** The Two Ronnies: Christmas Show (S) **9.35 FILM** Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs ★★ ★★ Animated comedy featuring the voices of Bill Hader and Anna Faris (W) (HD) **11.35** Only Fools and Horses (S) (AD) **1.00pm** Only Fools and Horses (S) (AD) **1.40** The Vicar of Dibley (S) (AD) **2.20** Porridge (S) (AD) **3.20** Only Fools and Horses (S) (AD)

6.20pm Only Fools and Horses Del puts the teachings of a self-help book into practice. (S) (AD) **7.40** An old watch promises to hold the key to the Trotters' fortunes at last. (S) (AD)

9.00 Mrs Brown's Boys Agnes tries to arrange the perfect family Christmas. (S) (HD)

9.45 Agnes stages a Nativity play at the community centre. (S) (HD)

10.25 Bottom Richie and Eddie look forward to celebrating Christmas, but an unexpected guest disrupts their plans. (S) (AD)

11.00 Mrs Brown's Boys Agnes vows to make her Nativity play unforgettable. (S) (HD)

11.40 The family falls out over a board game. (S) (HD)

12.25am Gavin & Stacey (S) (AD) (HD) **1.50** Peep Show: two episodes of the comedy (S) (HD) **2.45-4.00am** Mrs Brown's Boys (S) (HD)

Gold Sky 110 (Wales 111) Virgin 124 BT 344/HD 359 **+1** Sky 210 (Wales 211) Virgin 194

Sky Comedy

8.00am Will & Grace (S) (AD) (HD) **1.00pm** Silicon Valley (S) (HD) **4.00** Futurama (S) (HD) **6.30** The Office US: five episodes. The staff visit Niagara Falls for Jim and Pam's wedding **7.00** Pam deals with an embarrassing injury for Andy **7.30** Kevin ruins Jim and Pam's honeymoon **8.00** Pam returns from honeymooning to discover Michael is dating her mother **8.30** Michael is mocked for falling into a koi pond during a sales pitch (S) (HD) **9.00** Curb Your Enthusiasm (S) (HD) **10.15** Rosie Molloy Gives Up Everything: comedy starring Sheridan Smith (HD) **10.45** Young Rock: teenage Dwayne is locked in with his father overnight (HD) **11.15** Saturday Night Live (HD) **12.30am** **New.** The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon (HD) **1.30** Silicon Valley (S) (HD) **4.00-5.00** Will & Grace (S) (AD)

Sky Comedy Sky 114 (Wales 115) Virgin 135/HD 123 BT 347/HD 362

Comedy Central

8.00am Friends (S) (AD) (HD) **1.00pm** **FILM** The Cat in the Hat ★★ Fantasy comedy adventure starring Mike Myers (S) (HD) **2.30** Friends: nine episodes (S) (AD) (HD) **6.50** **FILM** Definitely, Maybe ★★ Romantic comedy starring Ryan Reynolds. On the eve of his divorce, father Will Hayes is questioned by his ten-year-old daughter about the women he has loved and lost, and the one he eventually married (S) (HD) **9.00** **FILM** Dumb and Dumber To ★ Comedy sequel starring Jim Carrey and Jeff Daniels (S) (HD) **11.15** The Roast of David Hasselhoff (S) **12.35am** Ugly Americans (HD) **1.35** South Park: six episodes (S) (HD) **4.15-5.00am** Friends (S) (AD) (HD)

Comedy Central Sky 112 (Wales 113) Virgin 181/HD 132 BT 345/HD 360 **+1** Sky 212 (Wales 213) Virgin 133

Alibi



Inspector George Gently 6.00pm
A kidnapping case

7.10am Murdoch Mysteries (S) (HD) **10.00** Father Brown: four editions (S) (AD) (HD) **2.00pm** Death in Paradise: three episodes (S) (AD) (HD)

6.00pm Inspector George Gently 3/4 Series 5. 1968: when the adopted child of a middle-class couple is kidnapped, the birth mother becomes the prime suspect. Gently and Bacchus's subsequent investigation reveals a much darker side to a home for unmarried mothers. (S) (AD) (HD)

8.00 Father Brown 8/10 Series 9. Bunty reunites with Father Brown to uncover a dark secret and mysterious goings-on at the local girls' borstal. (AD) (HD)

9.00 Death in Paradise 6/8 Series 8. The team are left stunned by another murder connected to the killing of festival queen Tiana. (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 7/8. A radio presenter is murdered live on air and Jack must unravel a complex mystery to find the culprit. (S) (AD) (HD)

11.00 Black Sands 5/8. The autopsy confirms murder. Salomon visits Helga and Elin, while Anita deals with Gusti, who has extended his stay. Icelandic +subtitles. (HD)

12.10am Inspector George Gently (S) (AD) (HD) **2.20-4.00am** Father Brown: double bill (AD) (HD)

Alibi Sky 109 (Wales 110) Virgin 126 BT 343/HD 358 **+1** Sky 209 (Wales 210) Virgin 191

Discovery

6.00am Building Off the Grid (S) (HD) **12 noon** Alaska: Homestead Rescue (S) (HD) **6.00pm** Kindig Customs: the shop has been perfecting the process in building the CFIs (HD) **7.00** World's Greatest Cars: a panel of experts discuss the five best rally cars (S) (HD) **8.00** Gold Rush: White Water: Dakota Fred and his son Dustin risk their lives to find a fortune in gold nuggets (HD) **9.00** Gold Rush: the gold miners of the Yukon put everything on the line in the hopes of striking it rich (HD) **10.00** Alaskan Killer Bigfoot: the team are left unsettled as they discover evidence of Nantiaq's hunting habits (S) (HD) **11.00** Mountain Monsters: the AIMS team members find themselves in the middle of a turf war (S) (HD)

12 midnight Alaska: the Last Frontier: four editions (S) (HD) **4.00-5.00am** Alaskan Bush People (S) (AD) (HD)

Discovery Sky 125 Virgin 250 BT 320/HD 325 **+1** Sky 225 Virgin 258

Discovery History

6.00am How the Universe Works: triple bill (S) **9.00** Greatest Events of World War II: double bill (S) **11.00** Tony Robinson's World War One (S) **12 noon** Combat Dealers: three editions (S) **3.00pm** Unsolved History: double bill (S) **5.00** Combat Dealers: three episodes (S) (AD) **8.00** Valley of the Kings: the Lost Tombs: a team of leading experts dig for major discoveries in Egypt's entire Eastern and Western Valley of the Kings (S) **10.00** Aircrash Unsolved: the Mystery of Helios 522: an examination of the 2005 crash of Helios Flight 522, Greece's worst air disaster (S) **11.00** Lost City of the Desert: the ancient city of Petra (S) **12 midnight-5.00am** Combat Dealers: five back-to-back editions (S) **Discovery History** Sky 177 Virgin 257 **+1** Sky 277 Virgin 261



Sky Documentaries



Hurst: the First and Only
9.00pm The football icon

6.00am Discovering: Bruce Willis (S) **7.00** Discovering: Michelle Pfeiffer (S) **8.00** The Directors (S) **9.00 FILM** Drew: the Man behind the Poster ★★★ Documentary (S) (W) **11.00** Queen of Speed (S) (AD) **12.50pm** Clint Eastwood: a Life in Film **2.30** The Loneliest Whale: the Search for 52 (S) **4.30** Edge of the Earth (HD) **5.40** Branson

6.50pm My So-Called High School Rank How a musical about today's fierce college admissions competition became a source of hope for students during a global crisis.

9.00 Hurst: the First and Only Former England striker Geoff Hurst discusses his life and career, talking about the tragedies that have affected him as well as the high points of his footballing life. (S) (AD)

10.50 Look Away Documentary hearing from women groomed in their early teenage years by rock stars, as well as exploring the lengths the music industry went to in order to protect its own. (S) (AD)

12.40am The Amazing Johnathan Documentary: Benjamin Berman documents the final tour of a dying magician (S) **2.25 New.** Branson: how Richard Branson sought media attention with publicity stunts **3.35** My Icon: Henni Goya (S) (AD) (HD) **4.00–6.00am** Wirecard: a Billion Euro Lie (S) (AD)

Sky Documentaries Sky 121
Virgin 278/HD 277 BT 352/HD 367

Nat Geographic

8.00am Lost Treasures of Egypt (S) (HD) **1.00pm** Secrets of the Pyramids (S) (HD) **2.00** Lost Treasures of Egypt (S) (HD) **4.00** Kingdom of the Mummies: four editions. Exploring an underground burial chamber in Egypt **5.00** The team tries to move the five-ton lid of a sarcophagus **6.00** Dr Ramadan Hussein examines a sarcophagus with its seal broken **7.00** The team discovers two priests buried side by side **8.00** Egypt's Sun King: Secrets and Treasures (HD) **9.00** Lost Treasures of Egypt: three editions. Archaeologists investigate one of the great mysteries of ancient Egypt – the mummy **10.00** Egypt's most famous female pharaoh, Cleopatra **11.00** Archaeologists piece together how the pyramids evolved (S) (AD) (HD) **12 midnight–5.00am** Lost Treasures of Egypt: five editions (S) (AD) (HD)

Nat Geographic Sky 129 Virgin 266/HD 268
+1 Sky 229 Virgin 267

Sky History

6.00am How the Nazis Lost the War (HD) **7.00** Legends of the Deep (HD) **8.00** Alone: Frozen (HD) **9.00** Pawn Stars (HD) **10.00** Forged in Fire (HD) **11.00** Counting Cars (HD) **2.00pm** Top Secret UFO Projects Declassified (HD) **5.00** Legends of the Pharaohs **6.00** Salvage Kings: Ted and his friend Adam take on a tricky demolition job **7.00** Weeks of War: double bill. The events of 1944 as the Second World War moved into its final, violent act, then a look at what it was really like to live and survive during a devastating conflict (HD) **9.00** The Toys That Built the World: double bill. The rivalry between Matchbox and Hotwheels, then a look at board game manufacturers (HD) **11.00** Empire Builders (HD) **1.00–6.00am** Forged in Fire (HD)

Sky History Sky 123 Virgin 270
BT 353/HD 368 +1 Sky 223 Virgin 271

Sky Nature



David Attenborough's Dragons and Damsels 9.00pm

6.00am Hope for Wildlife (S) (HD) **8.00** Extreme Snakes (HD) **10.00** Wild Tales from the Farm (S) (AD) (HD) **12 noon** Nature's Mass Attacks (HD) **1.00pm** Monkey Life (HD) **2.00** Monkeys: an Amazing Animal Family (S) (AD) (HD)

5.00pm Great Blue Wild The diverse marine life found in the Indonesian archipelago. (S) (HD)

6.00 Exploring the waters surrounding Indonesia's sprawling archipelago, home to the world's richest reefs. (S) (HD)

7.00 Extreme Snakes The most dangerous snakes in Africa. (HD)

8.00 New. Nature's Mass Attacks The complex world of brutal mass attacks. (HD)

9.00 David Attenborough's Dragons and Damsels The world of dragonflies and damselflies. (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 Monkey Life The guenon family try out a new tree. (HD) **10.30** A video of a sick marmoset results in a rescue mission. (HD)

11.00 In for the Kill Predators claiming their prey. (S) (HD)

12 midnight Extreme Snakes (HD) **1.00am** Nature's Mass Attacks (HD) **2.00 New series.** Predators (HD) **3.00–6.00am** Undiscovered Vistas: three editions (S) (HD)

Sky Nature Sky 124 Virgin 280/HD 279
BT 354/HD 369

Eden

9.00am The Zoo: 18 editions (HD) **6.00pm** The Zoo: 12 episodes. A lion cub seems to have broken its leg **6.30** A gorilla gets close to giving birth **7.00** The keepers prepare for the arrival of Sari the Bornean orangutan **7.30** Two hand-reared gorillas are integrated into the troop **8.00** Ciarán and Aisleen visit an orangutan conservation project in Borneo **8.30** The keepers move the crocodiles into their new home **9.00** The zookeepers learn that a gorilla may be pregnant **9.30** A giraffe's health takes a turn for the worse **10.00** Helen visits the Republic of the Congo **10.30** Ken and John say goodbye to Jubari the rhino **11.00** The elephants enjoy a mud bath **11.30** A tiger needs dental surgery (HD) **12 midnight** The Zoo: 11 editions (HD) **5.05am** World of Oceans (HD) **5.30–6.00am** Collar of Duty (HD)

Eden Sky 166 Virgin HD 245
+1 Sky 266 Virgin 246

Animal Planet

8.00am Tanked (S) (HD) **9.00** Pit Bulls and Parolees (S) (HD) **10.00** My Cat from Hell (S) (HD) **11.00** Animal Cops Philadelphia (S) (AD) (HD) **12 noon** Tanked (S) (HD) **1.00pm** Pit Bulls and Parolees (S) (HD) **2.00** Deadliest Sharks (S) (HD) **3.00** Shark Alley: Legend of Dynamite (S) (HD) **4.00** My Cat from Hell (S) (AD) (HD) **5.00** Animal Cops Philadelphia (S) (AD) (HD) **6.00** Tanked (S) (HD) **7.00** How Do Animals Do That? (S) (HD) **8.00** Wild Australia (S) (HD) **9.00** Wild Hawaii (S) (HD) **10.00** Alaska Monsters (S) (HD) **11.00** Legends of the Wild (S) (AD) (HD) **1.00am** Alaska: Surviving the Last Frontier (S) (AD) (HD) **2.00** My Cat from Hell (S) (AD) (HD) **3.00** Animal Cops Philadelphia (S) (AD) (HD) **4.00–5.00am** Tanked (S) (HD)

Animal Planet Sky 162 (NI 178) Virgin 251
+1 Sky 262 (NI 278) Virgin 259

SPORT

Sky Main Event

Sky 401 Virgin 511/HD 501 BT 420/HD 440
6.00am LIVE Test Cricket Pakistan v England, continued coverage of day two of the second Test in the three-match series.
12 noon LIVE Championship Football Blackburn Rovers v Preston North End from Ewood Park (kick-off 12.00).
2.30pm Soccer Saturday
5.30 World Cup Matchday
6.30 LIVE PGA Tour Golf Day two of the QBE Shootout at Tiburon Golf Club, Florida.
9.30 World Cup Matchday
10.00 LIVE NBA Miami Heat v San Antonio Spurs from FTX Arena (tip-off 10.00).
12.30am World Cup Report
2.00–5.30am LIVE Boxing Teofimo Lopez v Sandor Martin, the super-lightweight bout.

Sky Football

Sky 403 Virgin 513/HD 503 BT 422/HD 442
6.00am Classic Play-Off Finals **9.00** German Football **9.30** Saturday Social
10.30 World Cup Matchday
11.00 LIVE Championship Football Blackburn Rovers v Preston North End at Ewood Park (kick-off 12.00).
2.30pm Soccer Saturday
5.30 Championship Football
9.00 Championship Highlights
9.15 EFL Greatest Games (AD) **9.45** Championship Highlights
10.00 Kenny: documentary (AD) **11.45** Championship Highlights
12 midnight League Cup Retro
1.00am SPFL Greatest Games
3.00–6.00am EFL Highlights

Sky Golf

Sky 405 Virgin 515/HD 505 BT 424/HD 444
6.00am European Tour Golf **8.00** European eTour Golf **8.30** Hero Challenge **9.00** European Tour Golf
10.00 LIVE European Tour Golf Day three of the Alfred Dunhill Championship in South Africa.
2.30pm PGA Tour **5.30** Masterclass (AD) **6.00** European eTour Golf
6.30 LIVE PGA Tour Golf Day two of the QBE Shootout at Tiburon Golf Club, Florida.
9.30 European Tour Golf
10.30 PGA Tour Golf
1.30am European Tour Golf **2.30** US Open Official Films: action from 2005
3.30 European Tour Golf **4.30** Golf Academy **5.00–6.00am** School of Golf

Sky Mix

Sky 416 Virgin 520/HD 510 BT 429/HD 449
10.00pm–12.30am LIVE NBA Miami Heat v San Antonio Spurs.
1.30–4.00 LIVE NBA Golden State Warriors v Boston Celtics from Chase Center (tip-off 1.30).

Eurosport 1

Sky 410 Virgin 521 BT 412/HD 435
6.00am Cyclo-Cross **7.00** Alpine Skiing
8.15 LIVE Alpine Skiing The first run in the men's giant slalom at the World Cup meeting in Val d'Isere; **9.30** The first run in the women's giant slalom at the World Cup meeting in Sestriere, Italy.
10.30 LIVE Ski Jumping The mixed team HS142 event at the World Cup meeting in Germany.
12.30pm LIVE Alpine Skiing The second run in the women's giant slalom at the World Cup meeting in Sestriere, Italy.
1.30 Cycling **2.30** Alpine Skiing
4.30 Ski Jumping **5.30** Climbing
6.00 Alpine Skiing **8.00** Cycling
10.00 Alpine Skiing **12 midnight** Ski Jumping **1.00am** Cycling **2.00** Alpine Skiing **3.00** Ski Jumping
4.00–6.00am Snooker



Rugby Union 3.00pm
BT Sport 1 Jack Singleton adds power for Gloucester

Sky Premier League

Sky 402 Virgin 512/HD 502 BT 421/HD 441
6.00am Greatest Games **7.00** World Cup Breakfast **9.30** Saturday Social
10.30 Soccer AM **12 noon** World Cup Matchday **2.00pm** Soccer Saturday
5.30 World Cup Matchday **7.00** Highlights **8.00** Soccerbox **9.00** World Cup Matchday **10.00** Class of 92
1.00–6.00am Premier League

Sky Cricket

Sky 404 Virgin 514/HD 504 BT 423/HD 443
6.00am LIVE Test Cricket Pakistan v England, day two of the second Test from Multan Stadium.
12.15pm Test Bitesize **12.30** Best of England (AD) **1.00** The Fletcher Years (AD) **1.30** Talking Cricket (AD) **2.00** Voices of Summer (AD) **2.25** Climate Crisis (AD) **2.45** Test Bitesize **3.00** Test Highlights **4.00** Ashes Memories (AD) **5.00** Test Bitesize **5.15** Voices of Summer (AD) **5.40** Climate Crisis (AD) **6.00** Test Highlights **7.00** Big Bash League **8.00** The Fletcher Years (AD) **8.30** Talking Cricket (AD) **9.00** Test Highlights **10.00** Voices of Summer (AD) **10.25** Climate Crisis (AD) **10.45** Best of England **11.00** Test Highlights
12 midnight Cricket: highlights
4.45–6.00am LIVE Test Cricket Pakistan v England, day three from Multan. Continues until 12.15pm.

Sky NFL

Sky 407 Virgin 517/HD 507 BT 426/HD 446
6.00am NFL **1.00pm** Around the NFL **3.00** Her Huddle **3.30** Bitesize
4.00 Highlights **7.00** Gameday **7.30** One Jets Drive **8.00** Jaguars Weekly UK **8.30** Her Huddle **9.00** NFL: America's Game (AD) **11.00** Bitesize
12 midnight–6.00am NFL

Sky Arena

Sky 408 Virgin 518/HD 508 BT 427/HD 447
6.00am NRLW **7.00** Darts
10.00 NBA **12.30pm** Boxing **2.30** Basketball **4.45** NBA **7.00** Boxing
10.00 LIVE NBA Heat v Spurs.
12.30am Boxing
2.00 LIVE Boxing Teofimo Lopez v Sandor Martin from New York.
5.30–6.00am NBA on Fire

Eurosport 2

Sky 411 Virgin 522 BT 413/HD 436
6.00am Ski Jumping **7.00** Snooker
8.50 LIVE Cross-Country Skiing **10.15** Snowboarding
11.15 LIVE Alpine Skiing The men's giant slalom, second run.
12.30pm Sailing **1.00** Cyclo-Cross
2.00 Freestyle Skiing **3.00** Snooker
5.00 LIVE Tennis Diriyah Cup.
7.00 LIVE Figure Skating The Grand Prix final from Turin.
9.00 Skating **10.00** Motorsport
12 midnight LIVE Golf The Match.
4.00am World Superbikes
5.00–6.00am Alpine Skiing

BT Sport 1

Sky 413 Virgin 527 BT 408/HD 430
6.00am LIVE Test Cricket Australia v West Indies, continued coverage of day three of the second Test at Adelaide Oval.
12 noon ESPN FC: Gab & Juls
12.30pm LIVE Champions Cup Rugby Union Racing 92 v Leinster from Stade Oceane (kick-off 1.00); **3.00** Gloucester v Bordeaux Begles from Kingsholm (kick-off 3.15); **5.15** La Rochelle v Northampton Saints (kick-off 5.30); **7.45** Castres v Exeter Chiefs, a Pool A match from Stade Pierre Fabre (kick-off 8.00).
10.00 Wrestling **11.30** UFC Countdown **12.30am** Fight Week
1.00–7.00am LIVE UFC The preliminary bouts for UFC 282; **3.00** Jiri Prochazka v Glover Teixeira, a light heavyweight bout from T-Mobile Arena, Las Vegas.

BT Sport 2

Sky 414 Virgin 528 BT 409/HD 431
6.00am LIVE Australian Football Wellington Phoenix v Western Sydney Wanderers (kick-off 6.00).
8.00 ESPN FC: football news
8.30 Around The Block (AD)
8.45 LIVE Australian Football Sydney FC v Melbourne City from Allianz Stadium (kick-off 8.45).
10.45 What I Wore **11.00** Champions Cup Rugby Union
12.30pm LIVE Champions Cup Rugby Union Sharks v Harlequins, a Pool B match (kick-off 1.00); **3.00** Clermont Auvergne v Stormers (kick-off 3.15); **5.15** Bulls v Lyon from Loftus Versfeld Stadium (kick-off 5.30).
7.30 Badminton (AD)
8.00 LIVE American Football Army Black Knights v Navy Midshipmen (kick-off 8.00).
11.30 Champions Cup Rugby Union
1.00am American Football
2.00 Champions Cup Rugby Union
3.30 BT Sport Reload (AD)
4.00–6.00am LIVE Test Cricket Australia v West Indies, day four of the second Test from Adelaide Oval. Continues until 12 noon.

BT Sport 3

Sky 417 Virgin 529 BT 410/HD 432
6.00am LIVE Badminton BWF World Tour Finals from Bangkok.
2.30pm International One-Day Cricket
3.30 Australian Football **6.30** BT Sport Reload (AD) **6.45** Test Cricket
7.45 International One-Day Cricket
9.45–6.30am LIVE International One-Day Cricket New Zealand v Bangladesh, the first women's match in the three-match series from Basin Reserve, Wellington.

BT Sport 4

Sky 423 Virgin 530 BT 411/HD 434
6.00am LIVE Australian Football Sydney FC v Brisbane Roar in A-League Women (kick-off 6.05).
8.00 Wrestling (AD)
10.30 American Football
12.30pm LIVE Futsal Coverage of the FA National Futsal Series.
2.30 Around the Horn
3.00 Pardon the Interruption
3.30 American Football
5.00 LIVE American Football Coverage of a US college game.
8.00 LIVE Basketball Houston Cougars v Alabama Crimson Tide.
10.00 LIVE Volleyball The women's NCAA Championship.
3.00am American Football
4.00–6.00am LIVE Australian Football Central Coast Mariners v Newcastle Jets (kick-off 4.00).

Sunday

DIGGING UP DIRT
Robin and Strike
(Holliday Grainger
and Tom Burke)
are working on
a cold case

DRAMA

Strike: Troubled Blood

9.00pm **BBC1** Series 1–4 available now;
all episodes in series 5 available today via *iPlayer*

Strike doesn't mess about. There's none of your "previously on" backstory or ominous scenes of the suspects all staring at each other across scenic locales – instead, barely a couple of minutes into this new series and Soho's best private eye has already taken on a new case, tracking down a young doctor called Margot who went missing decades ago.

The story kicks off in Cornwall (allowing Tom Burke to wear some nice jumpers) then takes Strike and Robin (Holliday Grainger) back to the world of 1970s London, full of women's lib marches, serial killers, mucky gangsters and casual sexism. Speaking of which, beware of one grim moment of male-on-female violence towards the end of this opening episode that borders on the gratuitous.

For readers of JK Rowling's original books, Burke might still be a little too slim, handsome and – whisper it – nice to play the supposedly hulking, misanthropic Strike, but most will agree he's now made the role his own. And Grainger steals the show as Strike's work (and possibly romantic) partner, who's already making this case too personal.

HUW FULLERTON

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SPORT

Football: Women's Super League

12.15pm (kick-off 12.30pm) **BBC1**
Catch up via *iPlayer*

Manchester City v Manchester United It's taken a while for Manchester United's women's squad to really get going, but this season they're genuinely gunning for a top four place in the Women's Super League. A swashbuckling recent 3–2 win away to Arsenal proved that they can challenge the league's traditional powerhouses, and they'll be hoping to back that up when they visit the Etihad to face their local rivals.

Manchester City might not be the all-conquering force of a few seasons ago, but with the likes of England's Chloe Kelly in their squad they'll still be easily one of the biggest tests that United face this season.

CERI THOMAS

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ENTERTAINMENT

Junior Eurovision Song Contest

3.00pm **BBC1/CBBC**
Catch up via *iPlayer*

All eyes will be trained on next year's Eurovision Song Contest, which comes to the UK (Liverpool will host in place of winners Ukraine) with high expectations. But if you can't wait until May, here's a warm-up. For the very first time, the BBC is broadcasting the annual Junior Eurovision Song Contest, which sees talented nine- to 14-year-olds compete for aural glory.

UK entry Freya Skye will be heading to Yerevan, Armenia with her song *Lose My Head*. And who knows? Maybe she'll follow in the footsteps of the main competition's 2022 runner-up Sam Ryder and bring it home. Or go one better and win the whole thing... **HF**

FOOD

MasterChef: the Professionals

6.15pm **BBC1** Catch up via *iPlayer*

SERIES FINALE

In another example of slightly unpalatable World Cup-related scheduling shenanigans, the final of this year's culinary competition moves day – and to an early slot, so adjust your dinnertime if you want to avoid indigestion.

Only three of the original 32 chefs are left in the *MasterChef* kitchen and, as always, their identity is being kept under wraps. Or perhaps under cloches. For one last time they must produce a superb three-course meal for judges Marcus Wareing, Anna Haugh and Gregg Wallace if they're to stand a chance of hearing their name when the *MasterChef* Professional champion for 2022 is announced. **JANE RACKHAM**

DOCUMENTARY

Big Ben Restored: the Grand Unveiling

7.00pm **C4** Catch up via *All 4*

How do you restore the world's most famous clock tower to its sparkling glory? Anna Keay, director of the Landmark Trust, tracks the six-year, £80 million Big Ben restoration from the start; through 2017 when the tower was shrouded in scaffolding and the bells were silenced right up to the glorious finish this year when the bongs finally rang out again.

It's a fascinating film, full of surprises and wow moments, as craftsmen and women across the UK work on the project. Anyone who dismantled an alarm clock as a child will be lost in admiration for the experts who take apart and clean the 1,000-piece clock mechanism before putting it back together without half a dozen mystery pieces left over... **CT**

ALSO ON TODAY

Bradley Walsh: the Laugh's on Me

9.00pm **Channel 5**
The story of Walsh's (right) life and career, with contributions from Jodie Whittaker, Rod Stewart and others.



Songs of Praise: Young Chorister of the Year

1.15pm **BBC2**
Aled Jones and the Rev Kate Bottley introduce the six finalists in this year's contest.

Quentin Blake's Clown

2.20pm **C4**
Kicking off a feast of animation that includes *The Abominable Snowbaby*, *The Tiger Who Came to Tea* and *Father Christmas*.

DOCUMENTARY

Simon Schama's History of Now

9.00pm **BBC2** Catch up via iPlayer
Schama's sweeping survey ends with a look at postwar America's clashing worldviews. He presents it as a battle between the common good (represented here by Charlie Chaplin's films) and the ideal of the rugged individualist (Gary Cooper in the film of Ayn Rand's *The Fountainhead*). In one scene, he projects key clips side by side, and it works beautifully.

Schama himself is clear about siding with Chaplin, but argues that today "America is drunk on the Ayn Rand potion". On BBC4 from 10pm, there's a set of profiles of creative pioneers featured in the series, including artist Ai Weiwei and novelist Margaret Atwood. **DAVID BUTCHER**

DRAMA

The Handmaid's Tale

9.00pm **C4** Catch up via All 4
"Shall we get out of here to... I don't know... Alaska, Hawaii, Europe?" Luke asks June as they scrub obscenities off their Toronto home.

Escape is an attractive proposition for both June and Serena, but is the vision that the now powerful Commander Lawrence sees really an option? He's setting up New Bethlehem, a sort of Gilead-lite settlement where June could possibly be reunited with daughter Hannah. To Serena he suggests returning to the Wheeler household to live with her son. "How do you go back to a house where a woman is trying to steal your baby?" wonders Serena. "Are you seriously asking me that?" is June's understandable response. **JR**

NATURE

Predators

9.00pm **Sky Nature/Showcase**
Catch up via Sky Go/Now

NEW SERIES Wildlife films about cheetahs tend to focus on mothers raising cubs; this goes a different route.

The first of a series narrated by Tom Hardy, it centres on a pair of male cheetahs on the Tanzanian savannah. They're not brothers, but as youngsters their paths crossed and they became a double-act, one the brains of the operation, the other better for brute strength.

Hardy lends their story a solemn, faintly sinister edge and the filming captures remarkable moments, like a hare hiding as the cheetah duo pad past unawares. But what you want from a series like this is dramatic hunt sequences – and we get them. **DB**

LIVE SPORT



T20 Cricket

West Indies v England

9.30pm **BT Sport 1**

Antigua hosts the first of five women's T20s; Hayley Matthews (above) leads the West Indies.

Championship Football

QPR v Burnley

12.30pm (k/o 1pm) **Sky Sports Football/Main Event**

QPR might have their hands full against high-flying Burnley.

WSL Football

Man City v Man Utd 12.15pm (k/o 12.30pm) **BBC1** See p56

Also **Aston Villa v Arsenal** (k/o 4.15pm), **Chelsea v Reading** (k/o 6.45pm) **Sky Football/Main Event**

FILM OF THE DAY



Casino Royale ★★★★★ 12

8.00pm **ITV1**

In his first outing as James Bond, Daniel Craig has terrorist banker Mads Mikkelsen in his sights and Treasury agent Eva Green in his corner as he begins to uncover a criminal network whose tendrils extend around the globe. (2006)

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PICK A WINNER

Whom will Shirley Ballas be smiling on this evening?



ENTERTAINMENT

Strictly Come Dancing

7.15pm **BBC1** Catch up via iPlayer

After 11 weeks of dancing their socks off, the remaining celebrities are just a few perfectly performed steps away from the glitterball trophy. Some haven't put a foot wrong while others have whizzed up and down the leader board as if they were playing a game of snakes and ladders.

But the one person who has been everyone's favourite since the start is Hamza Yassin. Despite being a consistent high scorer, at the time of writing he still hadn't been awarded full marks by the judges. That might have changed by now, of course. Even so, Shirley Ballas has called him "the one to beat" – so she obviously thinks he and his partner Jowita Przystal will be in the final – while his lifts have been so phenomenal that Anton Du Beke asked him to teach him how he does them.

Confusingly for *Strictly* regulars, this is a live show tonight, with the results airing tomorrow. **JR**

SUNDAY Main Channels

DAYTIME

BBC1

6.00am Breakfast Roger Johnson, Nina Warhurst. (S) (HD)

9.00 Sunday with Laura Kuenssberg Interviews with key politicians and public figures. (S) (HD)

10.00 Politics England Regional reports. (S) (HD)

10.30 My Life at Christmas with Sally Phillips 2/3. The actress meets poet Lemn Sissay to explore his view of Christmas. Rptd tomorrow 6.15am BBC2 (S) (AD) (HD)

11.30 Homes under the Hammer Properties in the West Midlands and Stoke-on-Trent. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

12 noon BBC News Weather for the Week Ahead (S) (HD)

12.15pm LIVE Match of the Day Manchester City v

Manchester United Coverage of the Women's Super League match from Etihad Stadium (kick-off 12.30). **See page 56.** (S) (HD) **Sport: page 35**

2.30–3.00 MOTD World Cup Top Ten: Controversies A countdown of the ten most contentious moments in World Cup history. (S) (HD)

BBC2

6.20am Gardeners' World Winter Specials 2/4

In Cambridgeshire, Rachel de Thame visits Anglesey Abbey. Shown last Friday Signed repeat Tuesday 1.15am (S) (HD)

7.20 Countryfile At the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust in Slimbridge. Shown last Sun Signed rpt tomorrow 12.55am (S) (HD)

8.00am–2.30pm Cross Country The European Cross Country Championships from Turin

8.15 Landward Dougie Vipond cuts his own Christmas tree. Shown last Thursday BBC Scotland (S) (HD)

8.45 This Farming Life 11/12 Series 5. In Orkney, Sean moves one step closer to his dream. Shown last Sunday (S) (HD)

9.45 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites Highlights. (S) (HD)

11.15 Mary Berry's Country House Secrets Mary visits the March family at Goodwood House. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

12.15pm Fern Britton Meets... June Brown From 2010, the *EastEnders* star discusses her faith. (R) (S) (HD)

1.15 Songs of Praise The climax of Young Chorister of the Year from the Manchester Monastery. Presented by Aled Jones and the Rev Kate Bottley. (S) (HD)

2.00 Clash of the Titans ★★★ Fantasy adventure starring Laurence Olivier and Harry Hamlin.

Perseus, son of Zeus, sets out to win the love of Andromeda. Available on iPlayer for 30 days. **Review page 63.** Director Desmond Davis (1981, 12) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

3.55 Tiger Dynasty A *Natural World* film following two tigers released into the wild to breed. (R) (S) (HD)

4.00–5.00 Cross Country Action from the European Cross Country Championships in Turin. (S) (HD)

ITV1

6.00am CITV See page 62 **9.25 ITV News** (S) (HD)

9.30 Love Your Weekend with Alan Titchmarsh Alan Johnson, Tom Chambers and Selina Cadell join the presenter at Manor Farm in Hampshire. (S) (HD)

11.30 John and Lisa's Christmas Kitchen Ep 2 Cost-effective festive recipes, including a Christmas ham with mustard sauce. Shown yesterday 11.40am (S) (HD)

12.30pm ITV News Weather; Regional Weather (S) (HD)

12.45–2.45 EFL Highlights The best action from the weekend's matches, including Sheffield United v Huddersfield Town and Swansea City v Norwich City in the Championship. Shown yesterday 10pm ITV4 (S) (HD)

Channel 4

6.00am The King of Queens Triple bill. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

7.15 Everybody Loves Raymond (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

8.30 The Simpsons Two episodes. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

9.30 Sunday Brunch Tim Lovejoy and Simon Rimmer welcome Romesh Ranganathan, George Takei and Gyles Brandreth. With live music from Razorlight. (S) (HD)

12.30pm The Simpsons Four episodes. (R) (S) (AD)

2.20 Quentin Blake's Clown Discarded, along with other toys, by its owner who has outgrown them, a once-beloved clown sets out to find a new home for himself and his friends. Helena Bonham Carter narrates this Christmas animation. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

2.45–3.20 Terry Pratchett's The Abominable Snow Baby Animated version of the story, featuring the voices of Julie Walters, Hugh Dancy and narrator David Harewood. A small town is thrown into disarray by the unexpected appearance of a 14ft "snow monster". Repeated 4.20am 4seven (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

BBC1

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Strike: Troubled

Blood 9.00pm

Cold case: Tom Burke returns as JK Rowling's brooding gumshoe



3.00pm Junior Eurovision Song Contest

RT Lauren Layfield and singer HRVY commentate on this year's competition, which is taking place in Yerevan, Armenia, with UK entry *Lose My Head* performed by Freya Skye. **See page 56.**

Executive producer Lee Smithurst (S) (HD)

5.30 Wallace & Gromit: A Grand Day Out

Nick Park's Bafta-winning first outing for the claymation duo sees the pair take a trip to the Moon. Director/Producer Nick Park (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

5.50 BBC News Regional News; Weather (S) (HD)

6.15 MasterChef: the Professionals

RT After six weeks, judges Anna Haugh, Marcus Wareing and Gregg Wallace watch on closely as the three remaining outstanding chefs tackle one last challenge – to cook a spectacular three-course meal of their own creation. With the pressure on, who will take home the prestigious trophy? **See page 56.**

Series producer Genevieve Welch; Series editor Katie Attwood (S) (AD) (HD)

7.15 Strictly Come Dancing

RT 12/13. It's the semi-final and the remaining couples must master two new routines in a bid to impress the judges, secure viewers' votes and make it through to next week's final. With the glitterball trophy almost within touching distance, who will make it through? The results are tomorrow 8.15pm. *It Takes Two* is Tuesday–Friday on BBC2. **See page 57.**

Director Nikki Parsons; Series producer Nicola Fitzgerald Signed repeat Thursday 2am BBC2 (S) (HD)

9.00 Strike: Troubled Blood

RT **New series. 1/4 Series 5.** Crime drama, starring Tom Burke and Holliday Grainger, in which war-veteran gumshoe Cormoran Strike and his assistant Robin Ellacott return. The private detective is visiting family in Cornwall when a woman asks for help in finding her mother, a London GP who went missing in 1974. Continues tomorrow 9pm. Series 5 joins series 1–4 on iPlayer after this episode. **See page 56.**

Cormoran Strike	Tom Burke	Lucy	Sarah Sweeney
Robin Ellacott	Holliday Grainger	DI George Layborn	Samuel Oatley
Saul Morris	Jonas Armstrong	Kevin Beattie	Artie Wilkinson-Hunt
Joan Nancarrow	Linda Bassett	DI Bill Talbot	Morgan Jones
Oonagh Kennedy	Fionnula Flanagan	Gregory Talbot	Crispin Letts
Kim Sullivan	Sutara Gayle	Shanker	Ben Crompton
Margot Bamforth	Abigail Lawrie	Sam Barclay	Jack Greenlees
Matthew Cunliffe	Kerr Logan	Kara Wolfson/Woman in film	
Ted Nancarrow	Ian Redford		
Pat Chauncey	Ruth Sheen	Roy Phipps	Celia Learmonth
Nico "Mucky" Ricci	Andy de la Tour	Janice Beattie	Michael Byrne
Leda Strike	Kierston Wareing	Gloria Conti	Anna Calder-Marshall
Theo	Georgia Louise Furlong	Irene Hickson	Cherie Lunghi
DI Simon Layborn	Phill Langhorne	Luca Ricci	Carol MacReady
Max Priestwood	Syrus Lowe	Dr Dinesh Gupta	Daniel Peacock
			Madhav Sharma

Dramatised by Tom Edge; Producer Alex Rendell; Director Sue Tully More cast tomorrow (S) (AD) (HD)

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10.00 BBC News Regional News; Weather (S) (HD)

10.30 The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel

★★★★ Comedy drama. British pensioners try to make the pennies go further by spending their retirement at what they believe to be a luxury hotel in India. But the establishment run by the irrepressible Sonny proves to be something quite different.

Available on iPlayer for 30 days. **Review page 103.**

Evelyn	Judi Dench	Sonny	Dev Patel
Douglas	Bill Nighy	Jean	Penelope Wilton
Muriel	Maggie Smith	Norman	Ronald Pickup
Graham	Tom Wilkinson	Madge	Celia Imrie

Director John Madden (2011, 12) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

Also showing Thursday 9pm BBC4

12.25am The Women's Football Show Highlights of the weekend's games in the Super League. (S) (HD)

1.10 Weather for the Week Ahead (S) (HD)

1.15–6.00am BBC News (S) (HD)

BBC1 Freeview 1/HD 101 **Freesat** 101/HD 106 **Sky** 101/HD 115 **Virgin** 101

BBC2

2

Simon Schama's History of Now

9.00pm An analysis of postwar art, including the work of Charlie Chaplin



5.00pm Chris and Michaela: under the Christmas Sky

A seasonal mix of winter wonder, wildlife and wilderness with Chris Packham and Michaela Strachan. In the Arabian desert in Jordan, the duo go in search of the Star of Bethlehem – the conjunction of two planets that may have been the basis for the Biblical story. Director/Producer Kim Maddever (R) (S) (HD)

6.00 This Farming Life

12/12 Series 5. In Loch Ness, the countdown to Christmas begins. Donald and Joanna Fraser hit a few teething problems as they open their new farm shop in the middle of a winter storm. Meanwhile in Fife, Mike and Pete work on their new joint venture. Series producer Fiona Wilson; Executive producer Jo Roe (R) (S) (HD)

7.00 Countryfile

Ellie Harrison heads to Bethesda in Gwynedd to see how the village has transformed itself into a growing community that's energy self-sufficient, replete with hydro pumps, solar panels, e-transport, energy wardens and repurposed buildings. Tom Heap investigates whether the UK is bankrolling climate change, while Adam Henson provides an update on the impact of the avian flu epidemic on poultry farmers. Includes **Weather for the Week Ahead.** Series producer Mark Beech; Series editor Jane Lomas (S) (HD)

8.00 Antiques Roadshow

Fiona Bruce and the team head to Aston Hall in Birmingham, where guest Benjamin Zephaniah recalls playing in the grounds as a child. Runjeet Singh is thrilled to see ornate ceremonial weapons from India, while Paul Atterbury is intrigued by a rare example of the only artwork to have been left on the Moon.

Producers Debbie Martin and Jason Holmes Executive producer Paolo Proto (R) (S) (HD)

9.00 Simon Schama's History of Now

RT 3/3. **The Prince of Plenty.** The historian explores how musicians, Hollywood stars and other artists embodied differing positions on the postwar promise of plenty. Beginning with a look at composer Aaron Copland's optimistic *Fanfare for the Common Man*, Schama goes on to investigate the ideological contrasts between Charlie Chaplin and right-wing author Ayn Rand. Meanwhile, Schama compares the work of writer Rachel Carson and photographer Edward Burtynsky to spotlight the effects of consumerism and progress on the natural world. The whole series is on iPlayer. **See page 57.**

Director Hugo Macgregor; Series producer Charlotte Sacher Repeated Wednesday 11.45pm (S) (AD) (HD)

Simon Schama Meets Ai Weiwei follows on BBC4

10.00 The Christmas Misadventures of Romesh Ranganathan

In this special from 2020, Romesh heads to the Hebrides to find out if you can have a proper adventure so close to home. Spending a week visiting the Isles of Skye, Harris and Lewis, he is guided on his journey by Donald Macsween, a crofter from the far north of Lewis. Director Chris Cottam

Executive producers Emily Hudd and Morgan Roberts (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

11.00 Amazing Hotels

Giles Coren and Monica Galetti visit the Kulm Hotel in St Moritz – a Swiss Alpine retreat that was the birthplace of winter tourism more than 150 years ago. Exec producers Rebecca Templar and Samantha Anstiss (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

12 midnight Q1 With Susan Calman, Maisie Adam, Josh Widdicombe and Alan Davies. Shown last Friday (S) (HD)

12.30–2.30am Sign Zone 12.30 Question Time Political debate from Bishop Auckland. Shown last Thursday BBC1 (S) (HD)

1.30 The Ice Cream Wars 1/2. The inside story of a Glasgow turf war in the early 1980s that led to murder. (R) (S) (HD)

BBC2 Freeview 2/HD 102 **Freesat** 102 **Sky** 102 **Virgin** 102

ITV1

3

Casino Royale

8.00pm Poker face: 007 plays for high stakes in Daniel Craig's debut as Bond



2.45pm Champions Cup Rugby Union Saracens v Edinburgh Rugby

Live coverage of the Pool A match from the StoneX Stadium (kick-off 3.15).

Owen Farrell leads Premiership pacesetters Saracens as they launch their bid for a fourth European title against an Edinburgh team full of Scottish internationals.

Jill Douglas presents, with commentary from Miles Harrison and Scott Hastings, and analysis by David Flatman and Jamie Roberts.

Editor Guney Gok (S) (HD)

5.45 Catchphrase

Emma, Ashley and May must "say what they see" as they attempt to guess the well-known sayings hidden in the animations. The first two contestants to guess three phrases go through to the second round, but only one of them can play for the jackpot. Stephen Mulhern hosts.

Director Geraldine Dowd

Series producer Kerri Reid (R) (S) (HD)

6.25 ITV News

Weather; Regional News and Weather (S) (HD)

7.00 Tipping Point: Lucky Stars

Ben Shephard presents as Pete Wicks, Robert Peston and Judi Love answer questions to win turns on the supersized arcade machine in an attempt to win £20,000 for their charities.

Director Richard van't Riet; Executive producers Sara Doyle, Kate Lownds and Hugh Rycroft (R) (S) (HD)

8.00 Casino Royale ★★★★★

Spy adventure starring Daniel Craig in his first appearance as 007. James Bond is awarded his licence to kill and sets off in pursuit of Le Chiffre, a corrupt banker who finances terrorism. Realising that the desperate Le Chiffre needs to win big on the gaming tables of Montenegro to pay off a dangerous client, 007 devises a plan to ruin him in a high-stakes game of poker. **Film of the Day: page 63.**

James Bond	Daniel Craig	Mr White	Jesper Christensen
Vesper Lynd	Eva Green	Valenka	Ivana Milicevic
Le Chiffre	Mads Mikkelsen	Villiers	Tobias Menzies
Felix Leiter	Jeffrey Wright	Mollaka	Sébastien Foucan
M	Judi Dench	Steven Obanno	Isaach De Bankolé
Rene Mathis	Giancarlo Giannini	Madame Wu	Tsai Chin
Solange	Caterina Murino	Gräfin von Wallenstein	Veruschka
Alex Dimitrios	Simon Abkarian	Dryden	Malcolm Sinclair

Director Martin Campbell (2006, 12) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

10.40 ITV News

Weather; Regional Weather (S) (HD)

10.50 Gordon, Gino & Fred: Desperately Seeking Santa

Gordon Ramsay, Gino D'Acampo and Fred Sirieix plan to celebrate Christmas with a bang as they set off for the winter wonderland of Lapland, where they tuck into a feast of festive food and marvel at the spectacular landscapes. And if they're nice, the three overgrown schoolboys might even get to meet Santa Claus himself.

Director Ben Archard

Series producer Charlotte Woolley (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

Gordon, Gino & Fred: Unseen Bits Thursday 9pm

12.10am Gino's Cooking Up Love 1/2. Gino D'Acampo opens the doors of his cooking school to six singles who are out to find love. Shown last Wednesday (S) (AD) (HD)

1.05 Home Shopping (HD)

3.00 Motorsport UK Richard John Neil introduces action from Silverstone. Shown last Monday ITV4 (S) (HD)

3.50 Unwind A sequence to calm the mind. (S) (HD)

5.05–6.00am Ainsley's Food We Love Ainsley Harriott prepares winter warmers. (R) (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

ITV1 Freeview 3/HD 103 **Freesat** 103 **Sky** 103 **Virgin** 113/HD 103

+1 Freeview 35 **Freesat** 112 **Sky** 203 **Virgin** 114

Channel 4

4
7 in Wales

Big Ben Restored: the Grand Unveiling 7.00pm

Clock wise: Anna Keay follows the six-year project



3.20pm The Tiger Who Came to Tea

Fantastical animated adventure based on the bestselling picture book by Judith Kerr.

Dramatised by Joanna Harrison; Director Robin Shaw
Producers Ruth Fielding and Camilla Deakin (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

3.50 Father Christmas

Acclaimed animation, based on the book by Raymond Briggs and voiced by Mel Smith.

Dramatised by Michael Adams; Director Dave Unwin
Producer John Coates (R) (S) (AD)

4.25 Miracle on 34th Street ★★★

Fantasy with Richard Attenborough. Going against the wishes of her divorced mother, a young girl asks a department-store Santa for the family she has always wanted. **Review p63.**

Director Les Mayfield (1994, U) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

6.30 Channel 4 News Sport; Weather (S) (HD)

7.00 Big Ben Restored: the Grand Unveiling

Charting the six-year renovation of the famous clock tower, the director of the Landmark Trust Anna Keay meets the architects, engineers, historians, scientists and craftspeople tasked with stripping it down to its frame and repairing or replacing every component. Cameras follow the clock makers as they dismantle the huge mechanism and clean each part before reassembling more than 1,000 pieces. **See p56.**

Directors/Producers Kate Hampson and Victoria Hepburn
Producer Jenny Dames Repeated 1.50am 4seven (S) (AD) (HD)

8.00 Escape to the Château

Ep 7 Series 9. Dick and Angel plan to realise their dream of having a tranquil, conservatory-style winter garden room at the back of their property. But first they need to resolve a fiendish design problem. Meanwhile, as the wedding season comes to an end, the pair are organising a Christmas party for all their family and friends – and it's time to create the elaborate invitations.

Directors/Producers Stephen Bennett and Jonathan Hales
Producer Chloe Wilcox Rptd Monday 8pm 4seven (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 The Handmaid's Tale

RT 8/10 Series 5. Motherland. June considers a risky offer from a surprise visitor, and as Serena hits rock bottom, she searches for allies. A box set is available on All 4. **See p57.** (S) (AD) (HD)

June Osborne	Elisabeth Moss	Moira	Samira Wiley
Serena Joy Waterford	Joseph Lawrence	Bradley Whitford	
Yvonne Strahovski	Alanis Wheeler	Genevieve Angelson	
Amanda Brugel	Ryan Wheeler	Lucas Neff	
O-T Fagbenle	Hannah	Jordana Blake	
Sam Jaeger	Mathew Calhoun	Jonathan Watton	
Max Minghella	Commander Dupar	Michael Rhoades	

Rita
Luke
Mark Tuello
Nick Blaine

10.05 Gogglebox Festive Special

The armchair critics cast their eyes over 2020's biggest Christmas TV shows, including *The Real Full Monty on Ice* and *Inside KFC at Christmas*.

Exec producers Leon Campbell and Mike Cotton (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

11.35 Gogglebox

Ep 14. Viewers' opinions. Shown last Friday (S) (AD)

12.35am Like a Boss ★★ Comedy starring Rose Byrne, Tiffany Haddish and Salma Hayek. A cosmetics business in financial straits is forced to seek help from a mogul, who then starts gutting the company. Available to watch on All 4 for the next 30 days.
Director Miguel Arteta (2020, 15) (S) (W) (HD)

2.00 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA The chef returns to an Italian eatery in Colorado. (R) (S) (SL) (HD)

2.50 The Simpsons Halloween double bill. (R) (S) (SL) (AD)

3.40 Come Dine with Me From Brighton. (R) (S) (HD)

5.50–6.05am Kirstie's Handmade Christmas Kirstie Allsopp makes a doll's house. (R) (S) (HD)

Channel 4 Freeview 4/HD 104 **Freesat** 104 **Sky** 104 **Virgin** HD 104

+1 Freeview 15 **Freesat** 121 **Sky** 204 **Virgin** 142

BBC4

9
24 in Scotland

Simon Schama Meets...

10.00pm In-depth conversation with rebel Chinese artist Ai Weiwei



7.00pm Jackanory

Christopher Guard reads *Treasure Island*. First shown in 1995. (R) (S)

7.15 ChuckleVision

Paul and Barry move into Mrs Hepplewhite's hotel. From 1999. (R) (S)

7.35 Why Don't You..?

In an episode from 1992, the gang bakes banana brownies. (R) (S)

8.00 Winter Journey: Schubert's Winterreise

Baritone Benjamin Appl and pianist James Baillieu reimagine Franz Schubert's masterful 19th-century song cycle *Winterreise* at the top of a mountain pass in the Swiss Alps.

Director John Bridcut (R) (S) (HD)

RT TRAVEL See André Rieu performing live in his home town of Maastricht on a three-day city break next summer: see page 145

9.30 Dame Fanny Waterman: a Lifetime in Music

In this programme from 2012, Petroc Trelawny interviews founder and chair of the Leeds International Piano Competition Dame Fanny Waterman, who at the time was still in demand as a music teacher and mentor.

Director/Producer Rhodri Huw (R) (S) (HD)

10.00 Simon Schama Meets...

RT New series. 1/3. Ai Weiwei. The historian uncovers the personal motivations behind the work of the dissident Chinese artist. One great influence on Ai Weiwei's art was his father, the poet Ai Qing, who was exiled during the Cultural Revolution.

10.30 2/3. Nadya Tolokonnikova Speaking to the historian shortly after the invasion of Ukraine, the founder member of Russian activist punk group Pussy Riot talks about her belief that art can save people's lives.

11.00 3/3. Margaret Atwood. The Canadian author of *The Handmaid's Tale* discusses her conviction that art and writing can help resolve the world's most pressing issues. **See p57.**

Director Hugo Macgregor; Executive producers Nicolas Kent and Charlotte Sacher (S) (HD)

11.30 The Truth about Christmas Carols

Howard Goodall investigates the uncomfortable relationship between carols and the Church's celebration of Christmas. Includes performances by Bella Hardy and Purbeck Village Choir.

Producer Jonathan Mayo; Executive producer Jean Claude Bragard (R) (S) (HD)

12.30am Discovering... The Bridge on the River Kwai: Malcolm Arnold. Katie Derham introduces the BBC Concert Orchestra performing Sir Malcolm Arnold's score for *The Bridge on the River Kwai*. Repeated tomorrow 1.45am (R) (S) (HD)

1.30 Mark Kermode's Secrets of Cinema 1/3 Series 3. British Comedy. The critic looks at pastiches, parodies, satires and sex comedies. Shown last Thursday (S) (AD) (HD)

2.30–3.30am Write around the World with Richard E Grant 2/3. The actor's literary journey takes him to France. Shown yesterday 8pm (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

BBC4 F'view 9/HD 106 **F'sat** 108 **Sky** 116 **Virgin** 108

Regional variations

BBC1 WALES

10.00am Politics Wales: political news and debate, presented by James Williams
10.30 Rookie Cops: Emma has her hands full rescuing three pigs from a road in Llanelli
11.00–12 noon My Life at Christmas with Sally Phillips: with the poet Lemn Sissay

LONDON LIVE

F'view 8 Sky 117 Virgin 159

6.00am London's Weekend

7.00 Plane Crash Re-created (R)

8.00 Inside Tatler (R)

9.00 Europe's Wilderness (R)

10.00 Carry On Christmas (R)

11.00 FILM: Soapbox Derby ★★★ Comedy drama starring Michael Crawford (1958)

12.15pm FILM: Tarka the Otter ★★★ Wildlife adventure starring Peter Bennett (1978, PG)

2.05 FILM: Sea Fury ★★★ Action adventure with Stanley Baker (1958, PG)

4.10 FILM: Tiger in the Smoke ★★★ Crime drama starring Donald Sinden (1956, 12)

6.05 London Districts: double bill (R)

6.30 Tabernacle Choir: Music and Words

7.00 FILM: Lilies of the Field ★★★★★ Drama starring Sidney Poitier (1963, U)

8.50 London Districts: the South Bank (R)

9.00 Mr Harvey Lights a Candle: drama starring Timothy Spall about a teacher who comes to terms with his past during a trip to Salisbury Cathedral (R)

10.45 Speak like a Child: drama starring Cal Macaninch (R)

12.20am United (R)

2.20 London Districts: the South Bank (R)

2.30 Danger Man (R)

3.00 The Brothers McGregor (R)

3.30 News Rewind

5.00–6.00 Talking Points

Channel 5
listings are overleaf

SUNDAY Freeview

Channel 5

5



Bradley Walsh: the Laugh's on Me 9.00pm The comedian's life story

5.50am Milkshake! See page 62

10.00 SpongeBob SquarePants A sleigh race is held in Bikini Bottom. (S) (HD)

10.25 Entertainment News (S) (HD)

10.30 New. NFL End Zone Action from the latest matches in the NFL. (S) (HD)

11.00 Friends Series 4. Chandler has a fling with Rachel's boss. (S) (AD) (HD)

11.30 A Cozy Christmas Inn ★★

P Romantic comedy. An estate agent travels to Alaska to acquire a B&B.

Director Peter Sullivan (2022) (S) (W) (HD)

1.20pm A Christmas Waltz ★★

P Romantic drama. When newly single Avery takes up ballroom dancing, sparks are soon flying with her instructor

Director Michael Damian (2020) (S) (W) (HD)

3.10 Christmas Tree Lane ★★

P Romance starring Alicia Witt. Shop owner Meg fights to save her street from demolition, but finds herself falling for Nate, who works for the developers.

Director Steven R Monroe (2020) (S) (W) (HD)

5.00pm Jumanji ★★★★★

P Fantasy adventure. In 1969, a boy called Alan gets trapped in the weird jungle world of a magical board game. Twenty-six years later, two children find the game and unleash its dangerous magic. They also release Alan, now an adult, who realises that to escape the game they must play it to the end. **Review page 63.**

Alan Parrish

Van Pelt/Sam Parrish

Judy

Peter

Sarah

Nora

Director Joe Johnston (1995, PG) (S) (W) (HD)

7.05 Greatest Christmas Movies of All Time

Classics such as *White Christmas* and *It's a Wonderful Life*, as well as more recent features such as *Bad Santa* and *Elf*, all figure in this countdown of favourites.

Executive producers Matt Crook, Andrew Newman and Emma Clarke (S) (HD)

9.00 New. Bradley Walsh: the Laugh's on Me

The star tells the story of his life and career, alongside contributions from Jodie Whittaker, Ray Winstone and Rod Stewart. Walsh guides viewers through the moments, performances and events that have defined him, from his time as a struggling comedian to his success as a stand-up, a presenter and a travelling companion on *Doctor Who*. (S) (HD)

10.30 Britain's Favourite Game Shows

A countdown of popular game shows, featuring clips from *The Generation Game*, *The Chase*, *Who Wants to Be a Millionaire* and *The Krypton Factor*.

Director/Producer Tom Hopper (S) (HD)

12.25am Greatest Ever Christmas Movie Blunders: with Elis James (S) (HD) **1.20 New.** Casino (S) (HD) **3.20 Ben Fogle:** New Lives in the Wild (S) (HD) **4.05-5.40am** Before They Were Stars (S) (SL) (HD)

C5 F'view 5/HD 105 **F'sat** 105 **Sky** 105 **Virgin** 154/HD 105 **+1 Freeview** 46 **Freesat** 128 **Sky** 205 **Virgin** 155

BBC4 listings are overleaf

BBC3

23



Rosie 10.00pm The young mum and her daughter Millie have nowhere to go

7.00pm EastEnders

Zack receives some life-changing news. Shown last Wednesday BBC1 (S) (AD) (HD)

7.30 Sonia is given an important task. Shown last Thu BBC1 Cast Mon/Thu BBC1 (S) (AD) (HD)

8.00 Gavin & Stacey

2/6 Series 3. Stacey is on the lookout for a new job, but will Gavin stick to his promise? More tomorrow 8pm. (S) (AD) (HD)

8.30 New. Ghosts US

15/18. The ghosts bunk together while some rooms are renovated. The whole series is on iPlayer. More tomorrow 8.30pm. (S) (HD)

8.55 Laugh Lessons Ehiz breaks down his own experiences of toxic masculinity. (S) (HD)

9.00 New. Canada's Drag Race: Canada vs the World

4/6. The queens' comedy skills are tested as they perform a stand-up routine. Guest judge Gary Janetti joins Brooke Lynn Hytes, Brad Goreski and Traci Melchor. (S) (HD)

10.00 Rosie ★★★★★

P Drama with Sarah Greene and Moe Dunford. After their rented Dublin home is sold, mum Rosie, her husband and their four children have nowhere to go and are forced to live in their car. While her husband works at his restaurant day job, Rosie tries to find a place for them to stay. Available on iPlayer. **Review page 63.** Director Paddy Breathnach (2018, 12) (S) (W) (HD)

11.20 Gavin & Stacey As 8pm.

11.50-3.50am Bellator MMA Replay The Bellator 282 card at Mohegan Sun Arena in Uncasville, Connecticut. (S) (HD)

BBC3 F'view 23/HD 109 (not Scot/Wales) **F'sat** 179/HD 107 **Sky** 117 (173 London; 141 Scot) **Virgin** 107 (157 Scot/Wales)

ITV2

6

6.00am Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records (S) (SL) (HD) **6.35** Love Bites (S) (AD) (HD)

8.25 Dress to Impress (S) (HD) **11.30** Rolling In It: festive edition of the show (S) (AD) (HD)

12.30pm In for a Christmas Penny (S) (AD)

(HD) **1.15** Catchphrase (S) (AD) (HD) **2.20**

FILM Mr Popper's Penguins ★★ Comedy (S) (AD) (W) (HD) **4.10 FILM** The Grinch ★★ Animated fantasy (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

5.55pm FILM Arthur Christmas ★★

Animated adventure featuring the voice of James McAvoy. Santa's job of delivering presents to all the children in just one night is an operation that requires military precision. But when a glitch in the system means that a little girl will not receive her bike, it falls to Santa's clumsy son Arthur to make sure she isn't disappointed. **Review p63.** (S) (AD) (W) (HD) **8.00 FILM Pitch Perfect ★★** Musical comedy starring Anna Kendrick. Beca doesn't care about being popular, but her singing voice makes her the centre of attention when she signs up for the college's all-female a cappella group, the Barden Bellas. Determined to outshine them are their male counterparts, the Treblemakers. **Review p93.** (S) (AD) (W) (HD) **10.10 Celebrity Juice: the Happy Ending** Keith Lemon bids farewell, with captains Laura Whitmore and Emily Atack joined by Holly Willoughby, Fearne Cotton, Maya Jama, Big Narstie and Chris Ramsey. (S) (HD)

11.10 Family Guy Series 20. Lois and Meg fight for a handyman's attention. (S) (AD) (HD)

11.40 The men visit a ranch in order to regain their sense of masculinity. (S) (AD) (HD)

12.05am American Dad! (S) (AD) (HD) **1.00** All American (S) (HD) **2.45-3.00am** Unwind (S) (HD)

ITV2 Freeview 6 **Freesat** 113 **Sky** 118 **Virgin** 115/HD 176 **+1 Freeview** 29 **Freesat** 114 **Sky** 218 **Virgin** 116

ITV3

10



A Touch of Frost 11.50pm The detective takes a huge gamble

6.00am Man about the House (S) **6.40**

Emmerdale: omnibus Repeated 3.10am (S) (SL) (AD) (HD) **9.30** Maigret **3/6 Series 1.** Maigret

Goes to School. A teacher believes he will be accused of murder; **10.40 4/6.** Maigret and the Mad Woman. A woman claims that someone is moving her belongings (S) (AD)

11.55 Midsomer Murders: Series 13. The Noble Art. A local boxer's successful world title bid stirs up hidden passions among the residents of Midsomer Morchard; **1.55pm**

Not in My Back Yard. A planning dispute leads to murder after a woman suspects her neighbours are involved in a scam; **3.55**

Series 14. Dark Secrets. The life of a reclusive couple comes under scrutiny when a social services investigator is killed (S) (AD) (HD)

6.00pm Lewis

2/4 Series 2. Music to Die For. Two Oxford dons, Cole and Helm, are fascinated by underworld boxing bouts. One of their students, Jack Roth, is the unlikely winner of such a fight, so when Cole is found dead, suspicion turns to a number of underworld connections. (S) (AD) (HD)

8.00 Vera

3/4 Series 4. The Deer Hunters.

A poacher returns to the Northumberland moors after a 15-year absence and is subsequently found dead from a gunshot wound. DCI Vera Stanhope must find out why he came back. (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 Lewis

3/4 Series 2. Life Born of Fire. An old friend of Hathaway's takes his own life in a church. But the deed marks only the start of a cluster of bloody events – with a religious sect at its epicentre. (S) (AD) (HD)

11.50 A Touch of Frost

Series 2. Stranger in the House. A rapist provokes Frost's righteous indignation and prompts him to take the most desperate professional gamble of his career by using PC Hazel Wallace as bait. (S) (AD) (HD)

2.05am Man about the House (S) **3.10**

Emmerdale: omnibus Shown 6.40am (S) (SL) (AD) (HD) **5.50-6.00am** Unwind (S) (HD)

ITV3 Freeview 10 **Freesat** 115 **Sky** 119 **Virgin** 117/HD 177 **+1 F'view** 59 (9pm-4am) **F'sat** 116 **Sky** 219 **Virgin** 174

ITV4

26

6.00am Motorsport UK (S) (HD) **6.55 New.** Motorsport Mundial (S) (HD) **7.25 New.** Auto

Mundial (S) (HD) **7.50 New.** World Superbike Highlights (S) (HD) **8.50** World of Sport (S) (HD) **9.10 FILM** The War Wagon ★★

Western (S) (AD) (W) (HD) **11.15 FILM** The Train Robbers ★★ Western (S) (W) (HD)

1.10pm FILM Lawman ★★ Western (S) (AD) (W) (HD) **3.15 FILM** The Magnificent Seven

Ride! ★★ Western (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

5.20pm FILM Nevada Smith ★★

Western starring Steve McQueen. An unassuming youngster learns how to use a gun before embarking on a search for the killers who murdered his parents. (S) (W)

8.00 FILM Cannonball Run II ★ Action comedy sequel with Burt Reynolds. Another group of eccentric enthusiasts engages in an automobile race across America. (S) (AD) (W)

10.10 FILM The Other Guys ★★ Action comedy with Will Ferrell and Mark Wahlberg. Two cops seize the opportunity to get out onto the city's streets and knock some criminal heads together. **Review page 83.** (S) (W) (HD)

12.25-3.00am FILM Creed II ★★ Boxing drama starring Michael B Jordan (S) (W) (HD)

ITV4 Freeview 26 **Freesat** 117 **Sky** 120 **Virgin** 118/HD 178 **+1 Freesat** 118 **Sky** 220 **Virgin** 175

Drama

20



Frankie Drake Mysteries 9.00pm

Frankie and Trudy look for answers

7.00am The Bill: five episodes. DC Spears

becomes increasingly distrustful of DS Cork; **7.50** Spears is proved right; **8.45** Events

reach a dramatic conclusion; **9.45** Page

hunts a missing woman; **10.45** Taviner

leads a new recruit astray **11.45** Catherine

Cookson's Colour Blind: drama about a girl who returns to her Tyneside home newly

married to her black husband, and encounters bigotry from all sides. Niamh Cusack stars (S)

3.00pm The Last Detective Repeated 10pm (S) (AD) **4.35** Ever Decreasing Circles **3/7**

Series 4. Martin is stuck in a loft; **5.15 4/7** Martin takes over the local Neighbourhood

Watch; **5.55 6/7.** Hilda sees Ann climbing over Paul's garden fence (S)

6.35pm One Foot in the Grave

4/6 Series 5. Rearranging the Dust

Victor consults a solicitor. (S) **7.15 5/6. Hole in the Sky.** Margaret comes into some money, and Victor tries to help a Dutch girl back on her feet. (S)

7.50 Miss Scarlet and the Duke

5/6 Series 1. The final entry in the casebook takes Eliza and Duke to an abandoned prison. (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 Frankie Drake Mysteries

4/10 Series 4. A Most Foiled Assault A fierce fencing competition turns deadly when a coach is killed. (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 The Last Detective

2/5 Series 4. Dangerous's Liaisons When two amorous teenagers break into a boarded-up house, they find more than they bargained for. Shown 3pm (S) (AD)

11.30 3/5. A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to Willesden. Dangerous

Davies's investigation into the poisoning of a veteran stand-up comedian leads him into the world of comedy rivalry. (AD)

1.00am The Inspector Lynley Mysteries **5/5**

Series 1. Missing Joseph. The poisoning of a Lancashire vicar appears accidental, until Lynley and Havers delve into his past (S)

2.55-4.00am Lovejoy: **12/13 Series 4** An aristocrat seeks the dealer's help (S)

Drama Freeview 20 **Freesat** 158 **Sky** 143 **Virgin** 130 **+1 Freeview** 60 **Sky** 243 **Virgin** 226

ITVBe

28

7.00am The Real Housewives of Dallas (S) (HD) **8.00** The Big Bake: Holiday (S) (HD)

9.00 LittleBe: children's programmes (HD) **12 noon** The Big Bake: Holiday (S) (HD) **1.55pm**

FILM Christmas in the Pines ★★ (S) (W) (HD) **3.50** Christmas Dinner Date (S) (AD) (HD)

5.50pm FILM Two Weeks Notice ★★

Romantic comedy starring Sandra Bullock and Hugh Grant. Lawyer Lucy Kelson is given the job of finding her own replacement. But after hiring beautiful Harvard law graduate

June Carter, Lucy begins to wonder if she's made the right decision. (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

8.00 New. Giovanna Fletcher: Made in Italy Giovanna Fletcher discovers more about her family's history. (S) (HD)

9.00 Botched A woman whose nose was destroyed because of vanity. (S) (HD)

10.00 A pop-star impersonator needs his nose fixed before his world tour. (S) (AD) (HD)

10.55 Kelsey Parker: Life after Tom Following Kelsey Parker as she navigates life after the death of her husband Tom. (S) (HD)

11.55-12.55am Totally Unbelievable: Celebrity Holiday Hotspots The hottest super-rich celebrity holiday getaways. (S) (HD)

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More4

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999: on the Front Line 9.00pm
Mandy and Michelle are called out

8.55am George Clarke's Amazing Spaces (AD) **9.55** Ugly House to Lovely House with George Clarke (AD) **11.00** George Clarke's Old House, New Home (AD)
12 noon Come Dine with Me: from in and around Cardiff (AD) **2.40pm** Four in a Bed
5.20pm Come Dine with Me Head teacher Corinna hosts the first of five parties in and around Essex, hoping that her royal-themed evening will impress her dinner guests.
5.55 Money broker Paul aims to please his guests with an evening of fine dining.
6.25 Teacher Harmy hopes to wow her guests with an authentic Punjabi feast.
6.55 Recruitment consultant Adam, 25, prepares a menu of posh nosh.
7.25 The final host is recruitment consultant Grace, who hopes to dazzle her guests with a glamorous party, Essex-style. (AD)
8.00 Emergency Helicopter Medics A patient suffering a cardiac arrest is put under emergency anaesthetic on the helipad. (AD)
9.00 999: on the Front Line A two-year-old is having a constant seizure and needs to get to hospital before his oxygen levels fall too low.
10.00 24 Hours in A&E A 13-year-old girl is rushed in after being knocked off her bike. (AD)
11.05 Emergency Helicopter Medics In Yorkshire, a man requires urgent medical care after falling from his motorbike. (AD)
12.05am 999: on the Front Line **1.10** 24 Hours in A&E (AD) **2.15** Emergency Helicopter Medics (AD) **3.20-3.50am** Food Unwrapped (AD)

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E4

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6.00am Hollyoaks: omnibus edition (AD)
8.25 FILM Christmas at the Palace ★★ Romance starring Merritt Patterson and Andrew Cooper. Available on All 4 for 30 days
10.05 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
12.05pm Modern Family **4.05** The Big Bang Theory (AD) **5.05** The Great New Year Bake Off: former contestants Helena, Henry, Nancy and Rahul join Noel Fielding, Matt Lucas, Prue Leith and Paul Hollywood (AD)
6.25pm FILM Star Trek into Darkness ★★★★★ Sci-fi adventure starring Chris Pine, Zachary Quinto and Benedict Cumberbatch. Captain Kirk's disdain for protocol sees him stripped of the command of the *Enterprise*, but he is given a chance to prove himself after volunteering to find and stop a mysterious operative who's out to destroy Starfleet. (AD)
9.00 New. Married at First Sight: Christmas Reunion Former participants in the programme go to a festive dinner party.
10.30 FILM Night School ★★ Comedy starring Kevin Hart and Tiffany Haddish. After losing his job, high-school dropout Teddy Walker enrolls in night classes to work towards obtaining his General Educational Diploma and finding better prospects. (AD)
12.45am Gogglebox: opinions on *Bad Sisters* and *First Dates* (SL) (AD) **2.45** The Big Bang Theory (SL) (AD) **3.35-6.00am** Hollyoaks: omnibus (SL) (AD)
E4 Freeview 13 Freesat 122 Sky 135 Virgin 106/HD 145
+1 Freeview 30 Freesat 123 Sky 235 Virgin 146
E4 Extra Freeview 31 Freesat 181 Sky 138 Virgin 337

Really

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6.00am Fantasy Homes by the Sea **7.00** Home Shopping **8.00** The Yorkshire Auction House **1.00pm** The Bidding Room **6.00** Celebrity Yorkshire Auction House **7.00** It's Me or the Dog UK: two editions **8.00** Beauty and the Geek UK **9.00** Dr Pimple Popper **10.00** Dr Pimple Popper: Genner flies all the way from the Philippines to get some help from Dr Lee for his bumpy nose **11.00** Haunted USA **12 midnight** Haunted Hospitals **1.00am** Destination Fear **2.00** Home Shopping **4.00-6.00am** Dr Dee: Alaska Vet
Really Freeview 17 Freesat 160 Sky 142 Virgin 128

Sky Arts

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Touch of Evil 9.00pm Corrupt cop Hank Quinlan (Orson Welles)

6.00am Happy Holidays with Bing and Frank **6.30** A Kylie Christmas **8.30** Tales of the Unexpected (AD) **11.00** Portrait Artist of the Year **12 noon** André Rieu: Wedding Special **1.00pm** Discovering: Hugh Grant **2.00** Celebrity Portrait Artist of the Year **4.00** The Eagles: Live from the LA Forum **7.00pm The Agatha Christie Hour** A penniless man taking a holiday is shocked when a beautiful girl flings herself into his railway carriage. Adventure beckons, though, when she asks him to look after a package.
8.00 New. Film Noir 3/3. An exploration of how different styles of noir developed, looking at *Gilda*, *The Postman Always Rings Twice*, *The Killers*, *Out of the Past* and *Touch of Evil*.
9.00 FILM Touch of Evil ★★★★★ Classic crime drama starring Orson Welles, Charlton Heston and Janet Leigh. Mike Vargas, special narcotics investigator for the Mexican Ministry of Justice, finds himself mixed up in a case of murder, racketeering, and police corruption. **Review page 63.** (BW) (W)
10.50 The Directors The life and work of Italian film-maker Federico Fellini, whose films included *La Strada* and *La Dolce Vita*.
11.50 Eric Clapton: Live in California A 2001 concert from the Staples Centre, Los Angeles.
1.05am Classic Artists: Jimi Hendrix: friends tell the story of the rock guitarist **3.00** The Ronnie Wood Show **4.10** Isle of Wight Festival Greatest Hits **4.35** Manic Street Preachers: Isle of Wight Festival Greatest Hits **5.00-6.00am** Landmark (AD)

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4seven

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9.00am Couples Come Dine with Me
12 noon Four in a Bed **2.35pm FILM** Jingle All the Way ★★ Seasonal comedy with Arnold Schwarzenegger. Shown yesterday 5.20pm C4 (AD) **4.20** A Place in the Sun: three editions
7.00pm A Place in the Sun A couple look for their ideal holiday home in Benalmádena.
8.00 Location, Location, Location Chris and Laura hope to move out of their rental in Bristol and find a house that has a garden to grow vegetables. Bob and Lara want a three- or four-bedroom forever home – but it must be in the centre of Cardiff. Shown last Wed C4
9.00 The Secret World of Christmas Chocolate Jo Brand unwraps the stories of the most popular Christmas chocolate and the annual fight to be the best in an industry where nostalgia rules. Shown last Tue C4 (AD)
10.00 FILM War for the Planet of the Apes ★★★★★ Sci-fi adventure sequel starring Woody Harrelson and Andy Serkis. Ape leader Caesar sets out for revenge after the crazed Colonel McCullough kills Caesar's family in a bid to assassinate him. Shown Sat 11.25pm C4 (AD)
12.45am Moors Murders: the Lost Letters (AD) **1.50** Big Ben Restored: the Grand Unveiling (AD) **2.50** Gogglebox Festive Special (AD) **4.20-4.55am** Terry Pratchett's The Abominable Snow Baby (AD)

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Quest

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6.00am Mighty Trains (AD) **7.00** Plane Reclaimers (AD) **8.00** Shed and Buried **9.00** Salvage Hunters: the Restorers **10.00** The Repair Shop **11.00** Salvage Hunters **1.00pm** The Repair Shop **3.00** Shed and Buried **7.00** Salvage Hunters: double bill. Drew Pritchard and Tee John tour the Midlands, then Drew is in Lancashire to check out a factory making traditional soap
9.00 The Repair Shop **10.00** Aussie Gold Hunters: Mine SOS **11.00** Deadliest Catch: Dungeon Cove **12 midnight** Ed Stafford: First Man Out (AD) **1.00am** Swimming with Monsters with Steve Backshall **2.00** Treasure Quest: Snake Island **3.00** Wheeler Dealers **4.00-5.00am** How It's Made
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+1 Freeview 70 Freesat 168 Sky 244 Virgin 213

Yesterday

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'Allo 'Allo! 7.00pm René tries all he can to get out of paying a ransom

6.00am Impossible Engineering (AD) **8.00** War Factories: four back-to-back editions
12 noon Secrets of the London Underground (AD) **4.00pm** Bangers and Cash
6.00pm Bangers and Cash Four Volkswagen camper vans pitch up at the auction house looking for a new home.
7.00 'Allo 'Allo! Herr Flick is informed that the Communists have kidnapped his sausage.
7.40 Herr Flick interrogates Gruber and René pays Monsieur Alphonse with forged notes.
8.20 The General discovers the sausage and hangs it in his closet to cure.
9.00 Great British Railway Journeys Michael Portillo journeys from Cheshire to Staffordshire, stopping off in Macclesfield.
9.30 Michael embarks on a railway journey along England's south coast.
10.00 Abandoned Engineering Examining abandoned projects of the space age, including the HARP gun in Barbados. (AD)
11.00 Bangers and Cash Dave and Jack head to East Yorkshire to pick up a dusty Alfa Romeo and a 1930s Jowett. (AD)
12 midnight Dave has a nasty surprise when he opens the bonnet of a fast Ford. (AD)
1.00-3.00am Impossible Engineering (AD)
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Dave

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7.10am Yianni: Supercar Customiser (AD)
8.00 Rick Stein's Taste of Shanghai (AD)
9.00 Expedition with Steve Backshall (AD)
11.00 Top Gear: testing the BMW X6 (AD)
12 noon Special Ops: Crime Squad UK (AD)
1.00pm Cops on the Rock (AD) **2.00** Top Gear (AD) **4.00** Would I Lie to You? **4.40** Room 101
6.00pm Top Gear USA Special The team travels to America for a road trip. (AD)
7.00 Special Ops: Crime Squad UK The NCA tackle people-smuggling. (AD)
8.00 QI XL Extended edition of Sandi Toksvig's debut as host, with Cariad Lloyd, Romesh Ranganathan and Phill Jupitus.
9.00 Have I Got a Bit More News for You Martin Clunes hosts, with guests panellists Layla Moran and Sara Pascoe.
10.00 Live at the Moth Club Moth Club regulars Cardinal Burns have a row and refuse to go on stage as a duo.
11.00 QI XL Phill Jupitus, Holly Walsh and Nish Kumar join Alan Davies and host Sandi Toksvig to contemplate "nonsense".
11.40 Extended edition, with Sarah Millican, Eddie Kadi and Noel Fielding.
12.40am Have I Got a Bit More News for You **1.40** Red Dwarf (AD) **2.55-4.00am** Question Team
Dave F'view 19 F'sat 157 Sky 111 (Wales 112) Virgin HD 127
Dave Ja Vu Freeview 74 Sky 211 (Wales 212) Virgin 131

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6.10am Tipping Point **10.00** Nigellissima (AD) **1.00pm** My Family **5.00** Rick Stein's Far Eastern Odyssey: festive recipes (AD)
6.00pm Nigellissima: an Italian Inspired Christmas Dishes with an Italian twist. (AD)
7.00 999 Rescue Squad The team helps a biker critically injured in a crash. (AD)
8.00 Inside the Operating Theatre Seven-year-old Nancy has an operation. (AD)
9.00 Louis Theroux: Law and Disorder in Philadelphia Joining police on the beat. (AD)
10.20 Louis Theroux: Mothers on the Edge The film-maker spends time in two specialist psychiatric units in the UK. (AD)
11.40 One Born: What Happened Next? Revisiting the most memorable parents.
12.40am One Born: What Happened Next? **1.45** Brainboxes **2.35-3.00am** Inside the Ambulance
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+1 Sky 232 Virgin 190

5 USA

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9.00am Entertainment News **9.15** Columbo: five episodes (AD) **5.55pm** Columbo: double bill. The slovenly sleuth pits his wits against a brilliant surgeon, then a woman shoots her brother and makes it look like an accident (AD)
9.00 New. Lucifer Series 3. Double bill. Chloe grows frustrated with Lucifer's search, then Chloe and Lucifer are reunited with Charlotte Richards Both episodes first shown on Fox
11.00 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Series 16. Double bill A new detective assigned to the unit gets off to a rocky start, then a basketball superstar is accused of rape
12.55am Law & Order: Criminal Intent
3.35-4.00am Criminals: Caught on Camera
5 USA Freeview 21 Freesat 129 Sky 141 Virgin 153
+1 Freesat 130 Sky 241 Virgin 185

5 Star

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8.00am Entertainment News **8.10** Dogs with Extraordinary Friends **10.00** Amazing Cleans **12 noon** Shoplifters and Scammers: at War with the Law **2.00pm** Traffic Cops
5.00pm Police Interceptors A high-speed pursuit through Lincoln city centre.
6.00 Jon Peacock encounters a half-naked man covered in blood in Lincoln.
7.00 Dan Bragginslaw tracks down a driver who has given him the slip in Spalding.
8.00 The dog unit embarks on a manhunt amid fears that an armed and dangerous character is roaming Lincoln.
9.00 FILM Fatal Attraction ★★★★★ Thriller starring Michael Douglas, Glenn Close and Anne Archer. While his wife and daughter are away, lawyer Dan Gallagher has a passionate fling with Alex Forrest. It is an affair that is to have terrifying consequences for his family.
11.25 FILM Dangerous Minds ★★★★★ Classroom drama based on a true story, starring Michelle Pfeiffer and George Dzundza.
1.35am Adults Only **2.35** Criminals: Caught on Camera **3.30-4.00am** Dogs with Incredible Jobs
5 Star Freeview 32 Freesat 131 Sky 128 Virgin 151
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5 Action

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9.00am Trucking Hell **10.00 New.** Wrestling
11.00 Wrestling **11.55** Police Interceptors
12.55pm FILM The Comancheros ★★★★★ Western starring John Wayne. **Review p103**
3.10 FILM Ocean's Eleven ★★★★★ Crime caper starring Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and Sammy Davis Jr. **Review p113**
5.45pm FILM Battle of the Bulge ★★★★★ Second World War drama starring Henry Fonda and Robert Shaw. Northern France, 1944: with Allied troops poised to invade Germany, an officer becomes convinced that the German forces will attempt a counter-attack.
9.00 FILM Transporter: Refuelled ★★ Action thriller starring Ed Skrein. Four beautiful women embroil former Special Ops agent Frank Martin in a bank heist.
11.00 FILM Rise of the Footsoldier 4: Marbella ★★ Drama with Craig Fairbrass and Terry Stone. Gangster Pat Tate is offered the chance of a major drug deal. When things go awry, he must come up with a bold plan.
12.50am Lucifer **2.45** Fights, Camera, Action! **3.45** World's Deadliest Weather: Caught on Camera
4.35-5.00am 999: Criminals Caught on Camera
5 Action F'view 33 F'sat 132 Sky 150 Virgin 187/HD 150

5 Select

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9.00am Entertainment News **9.05 FILM** Forever Christmas ★★ **11.00** GPs: behind Closed Doors (AD) **12 noon** The Yorkshire Vet **2.00pm** The Highland Vet: double bill
4.00pm Inside Windsor Castle The fire in 1992 that started in the private chapel.
5.00 Events that shaped the monarchy.
6.00 Events between 1952 and 1972.
7.00 From 1972, when the Queen celebrated her 25th wedding anniversary. (AD)
8.00 Tommy Steele: the Great Entertainer A profile of the singer and actor.
9.30 Cliff Richard: the Christmas King The singer's festive songs and performances.
11.00 Cliff Richard Live: 2021 The veteran singer plays the hits in concert.
12.30am World's Most Scenic River Journeys
3.25 The Yorkshire Vet Casebook (AD)
3.50-4.00am Entertainment News
5 Select F'view (HD only) 56 F'sat 133 Sky 153 Virgin 152

FREEVIEW TV and film
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SUNDAY Freeview & films

PBS America 84



The American Führer
9.20pm Fritz Kuhn's story

8.00am Beautiful Serengeti **8.30** The American Führer **9.30** Shanghai 1937: Where World War II Began **10.40** Rommel: the Soldier, the Son and Hitler **11.50** Surrender on the USS Missouri **1.00pm** Beautiful Serengeti **1.30** The American Führer **2.30** Shanghai 1937: Where World War II Began **3.40** Hitler's Circle of Evil (S)

6.00pm Hitler's Circle of Evil 8/10. Hitler's promotion of architect and friend Albert Speer. **7.05 9/10.** How the inner circle tried to save itself as Germany faced certain defeat.

8.15 10/10. The members of the circle look for an exit strategy. (S)

9.20 The American Führer A German who stylised himself as Hitler's deputy in 1930s America.

10.20 1945: the Savage Peace Vengeance against Germans.

11.30 Beautiful Serengeti Strategies to protect families.

12 midnight 1945: the Savage Peace **1.15-2.00am** Beautiful Serengeti

PBS America F'view 84 (1pm-12 midnight only) **Freesat** 155 **Sky** 174 **Virgin** 273

Pick 36

6.00am Border Patrol (AD) **8.00** Police Ten 7 **10.00** Neighbourhood Blues **11.00** Motorway Patrol **12 noon** The Chase Celebrity Special **2.00pm** Agatha Raisin (AD) **4.00** Highway Cops (AD) **5.00** Caught Red Handed **7.00** Motorway Patrol **8.00** Brit Cops: Rapid Response (AD) **9.00** The Killer Within: teenage killers Kim Edwards and Lucas Markham **10.00** Britain's Most Evil Killers: the story of Sarah Williams and Katrina Walsh, friends who carried out the jealousy-fuelled murder of Sadie Hartley **11.00** How I Caught the Killer: a 15-year-old murdered after ending her relationship (AD)

12 midnight How I Caught the Killer (AD) **1.00am** Caribbean Cops (AD)

2.00 Motorway Patrol (AD)

4.00-6.00am Border Patrol (AD)

Pick F'view 36 **F'sat** 144 **Sky** 151 **Virgin** 156

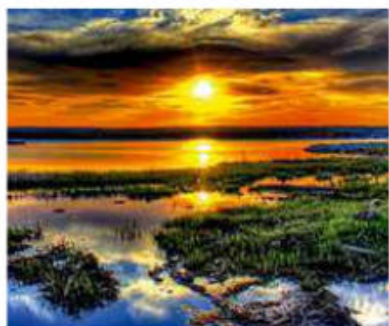
HGTV 44

7.00am A Place in the Sun **10.00** Building the Dream **3.00pm** A Place in the Sun: Home or Away **8.00** My Dream Derelict Home in the Sun: stories of people willing to put relationships, savings and sometimes even their sanity at risk to restore derelict homes in France and Spain **9.00** A Place in the Sun: double bill. British couples seek to swap grey skies for sun, sea and sand abroad **11.00** Good Bones: Mina and Karen renovate the first of several houses they purchased – a small three-bedroom home which has a strange layout **12 midnight** My Lottery Dream Home **2.00am** A Place in the Sun **3.00-4.00am** Building the Dream

HGTV F'view 44 **F'sat** 166 **Sky** 158 **Virgin** 286 **+1 Sky** 258 **Virgin** 290

FREEVIEW channels continued from overleaf

Smithsonian 57



Great Lakes Untamed 7.00pm
A sunset over Lake Superior

6.00am Aerial America (HD) **1.00pm** Inside the Christmas Factory (HD) **2.00** The Wild Andes (HD)

5.00pm Great Lakes Untamed 1/3. An extraordinary journey from source to sea through the largest freshwater ecosystem on Earth – America's Great Lakes. **6.00 2/3.** Winter descends on the region, forcing life to adapt. **7.00 3/3.** The spring thaw in America's Great Lakes, which creates ice tsunamis. (HD)

8.00 An American Aristocrat's Guide to Great Estates 9/10

Julie Montagu's own great estate in Dorset, Mapperton. (HD)

9.00 10/10. Julie Montagu opens the door on preparations for Christmas at Mapperton House. (HD)

10.00 Inside the Christmas Factory How traditional Christmas items are made. (HD)

11.00 An American Aristocrat's Guide to Great Estates As 8pm/9pm.

1.00-6.00am Aerial Britain (HD)

Smithsonian Freeview (HD only) 57 **Freesat** 175 **Sky** 171 **Virgin** 276

Great TV 50

6.00am Highway to Heaven: five episodes **11.00** Murder, She Wrote **6.00pm** Murder, She Wrote: triple bill. Jessica Fletcher agrees to help a friend with a political campaign **7.00** Jessica unwittingly becomes involved in a contract killing **8.00** A priceless necklace is stolen from a hotel room **9.00** Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?: Chris Tarrant hosts the quiz, inviting contestants to answer questions that could change their lives **12 midnight** Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased) **2.00-6.00am** Body of Proof

Great TV Freeview 50 (limited) **Freesat** 142 **Sky** 157 **Virgin** 189 **+1 Freesat** 143 **Sky** 257

RealityXtra 68

9.00am The Fugitive **2.00pm** Unsolved Mysteries **6.00** Matlock: five episodes. The attorney investigates the case of a deceased archbishop **7.00** The lawyer solves the case of the archbishop's death **8.00** Ben sets out to prove that a talented pianist did not commit suicide **9.00** The lawyer agrees to represent the director of a play **10.00** Matlock sees a man attacking a woman **11.00** Unsolved Mysteries **4.00-6.00am** Judge Judy

RealityXtra Freeview 68 **Freesat** 134 **Sky** 147 **Virgin** 197

BBC Parliament 232

6.00am Westminster Hall **11.00** House of Commons **11.45** Scottish Parliament **12.45pm** House of Lords **2.40** PMQs **3.15** Scottish First Minister's Questions **4.15** Welsh First Minister's Questions **5.15** House of Commons **6.00** Select Committees **12 midnight** House of Commons **12.45am** Scottish Parliament **1.45** House of Lords **3.40** PMQs **4.15** Scottish First Minister's Questions **5.15-6.00am** House of Commons

BBC Parliament Freeview 232 **Freesat** 201 **Sky** 504 **Virgin** 605

Food Network 43



River Cottage: Three Go Mad at Christmas 8.00pm

6.00am Guy's Grocery Games (HD) **7.00** Christmas Cookie Challenge (HD) **8.00** The Hairy Bikers Home for Christmas (S) (HD) **12 noon** Rachel Khoo's Chocolate Special (S) (HD) **1.00pm** Gok Wan's Easy Asian Christmas (S) (HD) **2.00** Gok Wan's Easy Asian (HD) **3.00** Tom Kerridge's Christmas Dinner (HD) **4.00** Rachel Allen: Bake! (S) **5.00** River Cottage (HD) **6.00** Rick Stein's Food Heroes: a festive edition from 2005 (S) (AD)

7.00 Ainsley's Good Mood Food: Shane Ritchie tries a Boxing Day dinner of turkey biryani (HD)

8.00 River Cottage: Three Go Mad at Christmas: Stephen Mangan, Mark Heap and Kathy Burke help Hugh prepare a festive feast (HD)

9.00 River Cottage **11.00 New.** Christmas Cookie Challenge: double bill. The competitors decorate cookies that feature the perfect present for Santa, then the cookie makers put their sweet spin on Christmas wreaths (HD) **1.00am** Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives (S) (HD) **2.00-3.00am** Michel Roux's French Country Cooking (S) (AD) (HD)

Food Network Freeview 43 **Freesat** 148 **Sky** 140 **Virgin** 285

Blaze 64

6.00am Counting Cars **6.30** Blown Away **7.30** Deep Water Salvage **8.30** Cities of the Underworld **9.30** Roswell: the First Witness **10.30** UFOs Declassified **11.30** UFO Hunters **1.30pm** Ancient Aliens **2.30** History's Greatest Mysteries **4.00** WW2 Treasure Hunters: WW1 Special **5.00** WW2 Treasure Hunters **8.00** The Curse of Oak Island **9.00 New.** Deep Water Salvage: a crew works to salvage America's biggest shipwreck before hurricane season hits **10.00 New.** Blown Away: double bill. The artists make two-piece sculptures, then a task to create masterfully crafted botanical-themed pieces **11.00** Nature Gone Wild **12 midnight** Paranormal: Caught on Camera **2.00am** Storm Stories **3.00-6.00am** Auction Hunters

Blaze F'view 64 **F'sat** 162 **Sky** 164 **Virgin** 199

Challenge 48

7.00am The Chase **9.00** Family Fortunes (AD) **1.30pm** Play Your Cards Right: Bruce Forsyth offers contestants the chance to win prizes on the turn of a card (AD) **3.00** Lily Savage's Blankety Blank: triple bill of the comedy quiz show with celebrity guests **5.00** Scrapheap Challenge: the tech-savvy Cyborgs from Bognor Regis and Edinburgh stock-car racers the Crash Bang Clan compete to build a mobile painting-machine capable of decorating a house from a distance **6.00** The Chase: triple bill of the quiz show hosted by Bradley Walsh **9.00** The Chase Celebrity Special: Jason Gardiner, Ashley Roberts, Linda Robson and Christopher Biggins try to win thousands of pounds for charity by outwitting a trivia expert **10.00-6.00am** The Chase

Challenge Freeview 48 **Freesat** 146 **Sky** 145 **Virgin** 160

CHILDREN'S

Milkshake! on C5

5.50am Pip and Posy **6.00** Peppa Pig **6.10** Brave Bunnies **6.15** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom **6.30** Noddy: Toyland Detective **6.40** Fireman Sam **7.00** Milo **7.10** Pip and Posy **7.20** Peppa Pig **7.30** Paw Patrol **7.50** Thomas and Friends: All Engines Go! the Mystery of Lookout Mountain **9.00 New.** Pop Paper City **9.20** Mimi's World **9.30 New.** The World According to Grandpa **9.45 New.** Cooking with the Gills **9.55-10.00am** Show Me How... **Full listings for Channel 5 are on p60**

CBeebies 202

6.00am Baby Jake Loves Christmas **6.10** Twirlywoos **6.20** Bing **6.30** Love Monster **6.35** Chuggington **6.50** Go Jetters **7.00** Postman Pat: SDS **7.15** Bing **7.35** Hey Duggee **7.50** Go Jetters **8.00** Peter Rabbit **8.15** Octonauts **8.25** Chuggington **8.35** Bitz & Bob **8.50** The Furchester Hotel **9.00** Something Special **9.20** Bluey **9.30** Stick Man **10.00** Octonauts: A Very Vegimals Christmas **10.20** Hey Duggee: Top of The Pups: The Christmas Song **10.25 New.** Pffirates **10.40** Swashbuckle **11.00** Pinocchio and Friends **11.15** Dog Loves Books **11.20** Tee and Mo **11.30** Timmy Time **11.35** Waffle the Wonder Dog **11.45** JoJo & Gran Gran **12 noon New.** Big Cook Little Cook **12.20pm** Old Jack's Boat **12.35** Hey Duggee **12.40** Messy Goes to OKIDO **1.00** Bitz & Bob **1.10** Love Monster **1.15** My Petsaurus **1.25** Go Jetters **1.45** Dog Loves Books **1.55** Timmy Time **2.00** Something Special **2.20** Ranger Hamza's Eco Quest **2.35** Molly and Mack **2.50** Kiri & Lou **2.55** Pablo **3.05** School of Roars **3.15** Dog Squad **3.25** Apple Tree House **3.40** Andy's Wild Adventures **3.55** Numberblocks **4.00** Hey Duggee **4.05** Magic Hands **4.15** Treasure Champs **4.30** Supertato **4.40** Bluey **4.45** Topsy and Tim's Christmas Eve **5.05** Hey Duggee: The Christmas Badge **5.15** Old Jack's Boat: The Christmas Quest **5.35** Olga Da Polga **5.45** Sarah & Duck **5.55** Charlie and Lola **6.05** Tee and Mo **6.10** Clangers **6.20** In the Night Garden... **6.50-7.00pm** CBeebies Bedtime Stories

CBeebies F'view 202 **F'sat** 608 **Sky** 608 **Virgin** 702

CBBC 201

7.00am Shaun the Sheep **7.05** Sketchy Comedy **7.10** Danger Mouse **7.30** Boy Girl Dog Cat Mouse Cheese **7.45 New.** Newsround **7.50** Dennis & Gnasher Unleashed! **8.00** Odd Squad **8.15** Oswaldo **8.30 New.** The Dengineers **9.00** Blue Peter **9.30 New.** Love! Love! Love! **9.50** Gym Stars **10.35 FILM** Kubo and the Two Strings **11.30** Animated fantasy adventure from the makers of *Coraline* and *The Boxtrolls*, with the voices of Charlize Theron, Matthew McConaughey and Art Parkinson. Artistically gifted orphan Kubo joins forces with a monkey and a beetle to locate a magical suit of Samurai armour that will help him thwart an evil spirit. **12.10pm** Hetty Feather: a Christmas Adventure **1.05** Horrible Histories: Horrid Henry VIII Special **1.35** Horrible Histories: Crafty Cleopatra Special **2.00** Danger Mouse **2.10** The Next Step **3.00** **TV CHOICE New.** Junior Eurovision Song Contest **See page 56** **5.30** Nova Jones **5.55** Malory Towers **6.20** Nikki Lilly Meets **6.30-7.00pm** The Dumping Ground

CBBC F'view 201 **F'sat** 607 **Sky** 607 **Virgin** 701

CITV

6.00am The Rubbish World of Dave Spud **6.35** Thunderbirds Are Go **7.00** Dare Master **7.05** Lego Ninjago **7.30** The Rubbish World of Dave Spud **7.55** Dodo **8.25** Lloyd of the Flies **8.55** How **9.25** Tata and Kuma **9.30** Be Cool, Scooby-Do! **10.25** Mr Magoo **11.45** Teen Titans Go! **1.00pm** Makeaway Takeaway **1.30** Mini Movies **2.00** DC Super Hero Girls **3.00** Jurassic World Camp Cretaceous: double bill **4.00** Inspector Gadget **5.00** Scooby-Do and Guess Who? **6.00** Be Cool, Scooby-Do! **6.30** Mr Bean: the Animated Series **7.30** How **8.25** Drop Dead Weird **8.55-9.00pm** Dare Master: Danny Murphy takes on some of the craziest dares.

CITV F'view 203 **F'sat** 602 **Sky** 612 **Virgin** 734

FILMS

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11.00am "Crocodile" Dundee II ★★★ The outback hero has to rescue his girlfriend from kidnappers in this amiable sequel to the hit comedy. Paul Hogan (1988, PG) (S) (AD)

1.25pm Star Trek III: the Search for Spock ★★★ Admiral Kirk must hijack the *Enterprise* in this decent if meandering entry in the sci-fi series. William Shatner (1984, PG) (S) (AD)

3.30 Star Trek IV: the Voyage Home ★★★★ Entertaining sci-fi romp in which Kirk and his crew go back in time to save the whale. William Shatner, Leonard Nimoy (1986, PG) (S) (AD)

5.55pm The Abyss ★★★ Director James Cameron's absorbingly creepy Oscar-winning sci-fi. **Review p103.** Ed Harris, Mary Elizabeth Mastrantonio (1989, 15) (S)

8.40 Film4 at 40: Interview Special (S)

9.00 Sicario 2: Soldado ★★★★ Intelligent thriller that sees Josh Brolin's CIA man and assassin Benicio Del Toro ramp up their efforts to demolish the US-Mexico drug trade. (2018, 15) (S) (AD)

11.20 '71 ★★★★ British soldier Jack O'Connell is separated from his regiment during a riot in Belfast in this superbly crafted thriller. **Review, right.** (2014, 15) (S)

1.25-3.20am Monsters and Men ★★★★ Thoughtful and provocative Brooklyn-set drama about racial injustice in the age of Black Lives Matter. John David Washington (2018, 15) (S)

Film4 Freeview 14 **Freesat** 300

Sky 313 **Virgin** 428/HD 429

+1 F'view 47 **F'sat** 301 **Sky** 314 **Virgin** 430

Talking Pictures TV 82

6.00am Saps at Sea ★★ Not one of Stan and Ollie's better efforts. Stan Laurel, Oliver Hardy (1940, U) (S) **7.10 Swallows and Amazons** ★★★ Engaging adaptation of Arthur Ransome's adventure novel. Virginia McKenna (1974, U) (S)

9.00 Three Silent Men ★★ A surgeon is a murder suspect in this diverting mystery. (1940, U) (S)

10.25 Four Star Theatre TV drama. **11.00 The Battle of the V1** ★★ Fittfully exciting "doodlebug" drama about the British discovery of the Nazi's secret weapon. Michael Rennie (1958, PG) (S) **1.00pm Broken Lance** ★★★★★ A grizzled Spencer Tracy plays a beleaguered patriarch in this splendid film, which transplants *King Lear* to the Old West. Robert Wagner (1954, U) (S) **2.55 I'm All Right Jack** ★★★★★ Classic British satirical comedy about trade union relations in a factory, with Peter Sellers as a pompous shop steward and Ian Carmichael as his lodger. (1959, U) (S)

5.00 The Footage Detectives Tracking down old film clips. (S)

6.00pm The Saint TV thriller.

7.00 The Shillingbury Blowers British TV comedy drama. (S)

8.40 Look at Life: A Year for a Day Documentary.

9.00 The Onedin Line TV drama. (S)

10.00 The Wimbledon Poisoner Conclusion of the black comedy. (S)

11.20 Fräulein ★★ Melodrama set in Germany at the end of the Second World War. Dana Wynter (1958) (S)

1.05am Bad Dreams ★★ Derivative horror. Jennifer Rubin (1988, 18) (S)

2.45 The Heritage Chart Show with Mike Read Music show. **3.50 Fighting Man of the Plains** ★★ Sturdy western. Randolph Scott, Bill Williams (1949, PG) (S) **5.40-6.00am Worker's Weekend** Documentary.

Talking Pictures TV Freeview 82 **Freesat** 306 **Sky** 328 **Virgin** 445

FILM REVIEWS



FILM OF THE DAY

Casino Royale ★★★★★

8.00-10.40pm **ITV1**

12

SPY Daniel Craig effortlessly made the role of James Bond his own with this 21st movie in the series. This is an origins story for 007, as he tackles villain Le Chiffre (Mads Mikkelsen) in a high-stakes poker game. Craig offers a flawed, humanised interpretation of the hero, while director Martin Campbell ups the violence and strips Bond of any obvious campy humour. Eva Green also provides an alluring love interest as Vesper Lynd. The last act is overlong and slightly chaotic, but this proved to be a triumphant new beginning for the franchise. **ADAM SMITH** (UK/CzRep/Ger/US 2006, violence, col/BW, HD)

Clash of the Titans ★★★★★

2.00-3.55pm **BBC2**

12

FANTASY This star-studded adventure is almost a rerun of *Jason and the Argonauts*, only this time it's Perseus who is put through his mythological paces. Harry Hamlin certainly has the muscles to play the hero, but he makes a rather anaemic love match with Judi Bowker's Andromeda. Thankfully, Ray Harryhausen's wonderful stop-motion special effects more than make amends.

ADRIAN TURNER (US/UK 1981, edited for content, HD)

Miracle on 34th Street ★★★★★

4.25-6.30pm **C4**

U

CHRISTMAS Richard Attenborough plays Kriss Kringle in this remake of the 1947 festive favourite. He positively twinkles in the role, as he attempts to convince moppet Mara Wilson that he is the real Santa Claus. While it's a more glamorous affair than the original, it does lack some of its magic.

TOM HUTCHINSON (US 1994, HD)

Jumanji ★★★★★

5.00-7.05pm **C5**

PG

FANTASY It belatedly spawned a fun franchise led by Dwayne Johnson, but this original *Jumanji* remains

exhilarating entertainment. Youngsters will be spellbound by the wildlife that is unleashed when siblings Kirsten Dunst and Bradley Pierce rescue Robin Williams from the sinister board game where he's been trapped for 26 years. The result is wonderful escapist fun.

DAVID PARKINSON (US 1995, HD)

Arthur Christmas ★★★★★

5.55-8.00pm **ITV2**

U

ADVENTURE James McAvoy voices young Arthur, whose father, the current Santa (Jim Broadbent), is creeping towards retirement. When the hi-tech operation to deliver billions of presents in one night comes unstuck, Arthur and Grandsanta (Bill Nighy) leap into action to save the day. The characters are terrific, while Aardman's animation is typically inspired and inventive.

KAREN KRIZANOVICH (UK/US 2011, HD)

Touch of Evil ★★★★★

9.00-10.50pm **Sky Arts**

12

CRIME This riveting drama from Orson Welles is showing as part of a season of film noir on Sky Arts. Welles also plays a corrupt, corpulent cop whose involvement in a case on the US/Mexico border could spell doom for Charlton Heston's drug

enforcement agent. From its justly-famed opening title sequence to its grisly finale, this is a complex and brilliant work, and proof once again of Welles's cinematic genius. **TONY SLOMAN** (US 1958, some violence, BW, HD)

Rosie ★★★★★

10.00-11.20pm **BBC3**

12

DRAMA This intimate Irish drama follows young mum Rosie (Sarah Greene), her husband (Moe Dunford) and their four children, who are forced to live in a car after being evicted from their Dublin home. Director Paddy Breathnach and writer Roddy Doyle (*The Commitments*) offer flashes of hope amid the gloom in what is a powerful indictment of our times. **ANDREW COLLINS** (Ire 2018, swearing, HD)

The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel ★★★★★

10.30pm-12.25am **BBC1**

12

See page 103 for review. (US 2011, swearing, sex references, HD)

'71 ★★★★★

11.20pm-1.25am **Film4**

15

THRILLER Jack O'Connell stars here as a young army private who's shipped out to Belfast during the Troubles. While searching for guns in the Catholic Falls Road area, he is separated from his unit, just as a riot kicks off. Director Yann Demange captures the confusion and riven loyalties of the conflict with admirable intensity.

LESLIE FELPERIN (UK 2014, violence, swearing, HD)

Sky Cinema picks

Notting Hill ★★★★★

5.55-8.00pm **Sky Greats** Romcom with Hugh Grant and Julia Roberts. (1999, 15) Sky 304; Virgin 404; BT 504/518

The Brothers Grimm ★★★★★

6.00-8.00pm **Sky Action** Grotesque fantasy. (2005, 12) Sky 306; Virgin 406; BT 506/520

Ex Machina ★★★★★

8.00-10.00pm **Sky Cinema Sci-Fi/Horror** Alex Garland's sci-fi. (2014, 15) Sky 311; Virgin 411; BT 511/525

Into the Wild ★★★★★

10.00pm-12.30am **Sky Hits** Moving true story. (2007, 15) Sky 310, Virgin 403, BT 503/517

Films to stream from p36
Netflix, Amazon, Disney+ and more

Sky Premiere

6.35am The Cinema List: Sports Films **6.45 Together Together** ★★ Bittersweet romcom. Ed Helms, Patti Harrison (2021, 15) **8.30 Inbetween Girl** As 9.50pm **10.10 Prancer: a Christmas Tale** ★★ Warm-hearted family drama. James Cromwell (2022) **12 noon This Is Christmas** As 8pm **1.50pm The Northman** ★★★★★ Spectacular Viking revenge saga. Alexander Skarsgard, Nicole Kidman (2022, 15) **4.20 A Christmas Story Christmas** ★★ Comedy. Peter Billingsley (2022) **6.10pm The Nan Movie** ★ Woeful road-movie comedy. Catherine Tate (2022, 15) **8.00 This Is Christmas** ★★ Feel-good British festive romcom. Alfred Enoch, Kaya Scodelario, Timothy Spall (2022) **9.50 Inbetween Girl** ★★ Honest, insightful coming-of-age flick. Emma Galbraith, William Magnuson (2021) **11.35 Aisha** ★★★★★ Sincere drama about a Nigerian immigrant to Ireland. Letitia Wright, Josh O'Connor (2022, 12) **1.25am The Northman** As 1.50pm **3.55 The Reef: Stalked** ★★ Horror sequel. Teresa Liane (2022) **5.30 The Outfit** ★★ Engaging 1950s-set crime drama. Mark Rylance (2022) **Sky Premiere** Sky 301 Virgin 401 BT 501/HD 515 **+1 Sky 312**

Great Movies 34

9.10am Nightwaves ★★ Puzzling, *Rear Window*-inspired mystery thriller. Sherilyn Fenn, David Nerman (2003, 12) **11.00 The Wedding Stalker** ★★ Melodramatic thriller. Heather Morris, Fiona Vroom (2017) **12.50pm Godzilla** ★★ Murky, plodding monster horror. Matthew Broderick, Jean Reno (1997, PG) **3.30 King Kong** ★★★★★ The classic "Beauty and the Beast" monster movie is upgraded into a superior fantasy epic. Naomi Watts, Jack Black (2005, 12) **7.05pm Reign of Fire** ★★ Humans battle dragons that have taken over the world in this futuristic fantasy adventure. Christian Bale (2001, 12) **9.00 Immortals** ★★★★★ Visually spectacular (and rather camp) action fantasy. Henry Cavill, Mickey Rourke (2011, 15) **11.05 Bunraku** ★★ Flimsy but flashy fantasy. Josh Hartnett (2010, 15) **1.30am Extortion** ★★ Tense holiday-gone-wrong thriller. Eion Bailey, Bethany Joy Lenz (2017, 15) **3.45-5.50am The Confirmation** ★★ Touching, bittersweet comedy drama. Clive Owen, Jaeden Lieberher (2017, 12)

Great Movies Freeview 34 Freesat 302 Sky 321 Virgin 425 **+1 Freeview 61** (limited 10pm-5am) Sky 322

Great Movies 52 Christmas

6.00am Annie Claus Is Coming to Town ★★ Romcom. Maria Thayer (2011, U) **8.00 Santa's Secret** ★★ Romantic fantasy. Alicia Witt (2014) **10.00 Charming Christmas** ★★ Romance. Julie Benz (2015) **12 noon The Magic Stocking** ★★ Festive fantasy. Bridget Regan (2015) **2.00pm The Christmas Ornament** ★★ Romance. Kellie Martin (2013) **4.00 My Christmas Love** ★★ Fun seasonal mystery. Meredith Hagner (2016) **6.00pm A Taste of Christmas** ★★ An Advent calendar causes a stir in a small town. Laura Bell Bundy (2017) **8.00 Mr Christmas** ★★ Predictable romance. Sam Page (2017) **10.00 On the Twelfth Day of Christmas** ★★ Entertaining but unremarkable romcom. Brooke Nevim (2015) **12 midnight A Christmas Wedding Date** ★★ Romcom. (2012, PG) **2.10am Highway to Heaven** **3.00 Christmas Wish** ★★ Fantasy. Nicole Eggert (2007) **4.30-6.00am The Christmas Clause** ★★ Fantasy drama. (2008, 12) **Great Movies Christmas** F'view 52 (limited) Freesat 303 Sky 319 Virgin 424 **+1 F'view 63** (limited 10pm-5am) F'sat 304 Sky 320

TCM Movies

6.00am Hollywood's Best Film Directors **6.35** Off Set **6.50** The Man from UNCLE: five episodes **12.20pm Waterloo** ★★★★★ Rod Steiger gives a magnificent performance as Napoleon in this historical epic. (1970, U) **3.00 Wagons West** ★★ Competent western. Rod Cameron (1952, U) **4.30 Rails into Laramie** ★★ Western. John Payne (1954, U) **6.15pm Riding Shotgun** ★★ A falsely accused Randolph Scott tries to clear his name. (1954, U) **7.50 Rawhide Rangers** ★★ Diverting B-western with Johnny Mack Brown. Fuzzy Knight (1941, U) **9.00 The Expendables** ★★ Sylvester Stallone and his veteran mercenaries are hired to overthrow a ruthless Latin dictator. (2010, 18) **11.10 USS Indianapolis: Men of Courage** ★ Shambolic retelling of a US Navy disaster. Nicolas Cage (2016, 15) **1.45am The Iron Sheriff** ★★★★★ Worthwhile B-western. Sterling Hayden (1957, U) **3.00** Hollywood's Best Film Directors **3.30** Close Up **5.00** Hollywood's Best Film Directors **5.30** Off Set **5.45** The Man from UNCLE **TCM Movies** Sky 315 Virgin 415/HD 416 **+1 Sky 316 Virgin 417**

Great Movies 42 Action

6.00am The De Havilland Comet **7.10 Gunfighters** ★★ Western. Randolph Scott (1947, PG) **9.00 Conquest of Cochise** ★★★★★ Western. John Hodiak (1953, U) **10.30 The Desperadoes** ★★ Western. Randolph Scott (1943, U) **12.20pm Cripple Creek** ★★ Western. George Montgomery (1952, U) **2.00 Fort Ti** ★★ Adventure. George Montgomery (1953, U) **3.35 Submarine Raider** ★★ War drama. John Howard (1942, U) **5.00 The Red Baron** ★★ First World War drama. Matthias Schweighöfer (2008, 12) **7.05pm The Two-Headed Spy** ★★★★★ Taut, tense spy saga about a Brit in Berlin whose resolve is severely tested. Jack Hawkins (1958, U) **9.00 Stash House** ★★ Pedestrian home invasion thriller starring Dolph Lundgren. Sean Faris (2012, 15) **10.55 Braven** ★★ Jason Momoa pulls no punches in this tough action film. Garret Dillahunt (2018, 15) **12.45am Transsiberian** ★★ Intriguing thriller. Woody Harrelson (2008, 15) **3.00-4.00am** War in the Atlantic **Great Movies Action** Freeview 42 (limited) F'sat 305 Sky 323 Virgin 426 **+1 Sky 324**

Legend 41

7.00am Special Unit 2 **8.00 Monster Island** ★ Cheap *Godzilla* cash-in. Eric Roberts, Toshi Toda (2019, 12) **10.00** Star Trek: the Next Generation: five episodes **3.00pm Arctic Apocalypse** ★★ Confusing, low-budget disaster movie. Lauren Esposito, Eric Paul Erickson (2019) **4.45 Air Collision** ★★ Ludicrous but watchable action thriller. Reginald VelJohnson (2012) **6.45pm Time without Pity** ★★★★★ Provocative thriller in which Michael Redgrave tries to save his son from the gallows. Ann Todd (1957) **8.30 Tales from the Darkside** TV horror anthology series. **9.00 The Blood Beast Terror** ★ Peter Cushing struggles to avoid the dodgy horror clichés in a clumsy Victorian-era yarn. (1967, 12) **10.45 Blood on Satan's Claw** ★★★★★ Stylish shocker about devil-worshipping children in 17th-century England. Patrick Wymark (1970, 18) **12.40am Mindhunters** ★★ Glossy but bland crime thriller. James Todd Smith, Jonny Lee Miller (2003, 15) **2.40-4.30am From the Dark** ★★ Well-acted if clichéd Irish chiller. (2014) **Legend** F'view 41 F'sat 137 Sky 148 Virgin 149

Sky Showcase



Predators 9.00pm Cheetahs on the Serengeti plains

6.00am The Mighty Ones (HD)
8.05 World's Most Toxic Animals (S) (AD) (HD) **10.05** The Simpsons (S) (AD) (HD) **12.30pm** UFO (S) (AD) (HD)
2.30 David Attenborough's Dragons and Damsels: exploring the world of dragonflies and damselflies (S) (AD) (HD)
3.30pm LIVE Women's Super League Football Coverage of Aston Villa v Arsenal from Villa Park (kick-off **4.15**). (HD)
6.30 Chelsea v Reading at Kingsmeadow (kick-off **6.45**). (HD)
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9.00 Predators 1/5. A notorious brotherhood of cheetahs rules the southern plains of the Serengeti, until a raging bushfire turns their world upside down. (HD)

10.00 Football's Funniest Moments A look at the biggest laugh-out-loud moments and most comical incidents from the world of Premier League football. Featuring interviews with the great and good of the game, as well as contributions from pundits including Gary Neville and Chris Kamara. (S) (AD) (HD)

12 midnight Saturday Night Live: Emmy Award-winning late-night comedy showcase (HD) **1.30am** Road Wars (S) **3.00** Nothing to Declare (S) (HD) **5.00-6.00am** **New.** The Early Rundown (HD)

Sky Showcase Sky 106 Virgin 110/HD 109 BT 340/HD 355 **+1** Sky 206

Sky Sci-Fi

6.00am Most Haunted **7.00** Warehouse 13 **8.00** Home Shopping **11.00** Merlin: five episodes **4.00pm** Warehouse 13

6.00pm Warehouse 13 3/20 Series 4. In the aftermath of the Warehouse's destruction, a pocket watch shows a countdown of 23 hours – giving the team almost a day to travel back in time and avert the disaster.

7.00 20.0 Megaquake ★ Disaster movie starring William Baldwin. When California is threatened by an earthquake, scientists and the emergency services must race against time to prevent disaster.

9.00 Exorcist: the Beginning ★ Horror prequel starring Stellan Skarsgård. Priest Father Merrin has turned his back on religion after witnessing Nazi atrocities during the Second World War. But he's forced to reconsider his faith when he realises that the excavation of a church in Kenya has unleashed an ancient evil.

11.20 Stan Lee's Lucky Man 1/10 Series 2. Harry meets a mysterious woman wearing a bracelet identical to his.

12.20am 2/10. Harry's investigation into a wave of hate crimes leads him to a religious cult.

1.20 Wynonna Earp **3.10** Star Trek: the Next Generation **5.00-6.00am** Most Haunted

Sky Sci-Fi Sky 139 Virgin 139/HD 138 BT 348/HD 363 **+1** Virgin 229

Sky Atlantic



Euphoria 10.05pm Lexi's long-awaited play debuts

6.00am Storm City (S) (AD) (HD) **8.00** Fish Town (HD) **9.00** Gomorrah: Italian +subtitles. (HD) **2.30pm** True Blood (S) (HD)

6.50pm The Great Game 7/8 Elena publishes a scandalous video as Corso manages to bring Quintana back to Atlético Madrid and frames Elena. (HD)
7.55 8/8. Dino and Corso begin their final bid to oust Elena and Kirillov from ISG, while Dino makes an unexpected move. Italian +subtitles. (HD)

9.00 The White Lotus 6/7 Series 2. Black-comedy drama series following the exploits of a group of demanding vacationers at a luxury resort, this time in Sicily. Jennifer Coolidge stars. (HD)

10.05 Euphoria 7/8 Series 2 Lexi finally debuts her long-awaited play based on the lives of her fellow students. (S) (AD) (HD)

11.10 8/8. Maddy confronts Cassie about her betrayal as all hell breaks loose during Lexi's play. Fez find himself in a dangerous situation. (S) (AD) (HD)

12.15am The Fear Index (S) (AD) (HD) **1.05** Big Little Lies (S) (AD) (HD) **2.00 New.** The White Lotus (HD) **3.10** The Deuce (S) (AD) (HD) **4.20-6.00am** Richard E Grant's Hotel Secrets (S) (AD) (HD)

Sky Atlantic Sky 108 (Wales 109) BT 342/HD 357 **+1** Sky 208 (Wales 209)

Sky Witness

6.00am The Force: Manchester (S) (HD) **8.00** Border Patrol (S) **10.00** Paramedics Australia (HD) **1.00pm** 999 Frontline (S) **2.00** Nothing to Declare: eight editions (S)

6.00pm Nothing to Declare Four editions following the work of customs officers in Australia. (S) (HD)

8.00 New. Caught on Dashcam Featuring some of the most jaw-dropping car crashes, near misses and road incidents ever caught on camera. (HD)

9.00 The Good Doctor Ep 6 Series 6. During a heatwave, Dr Shaun Murphy and Dr Danica Powell are at odds when it comes to their patient's surgery. (HD)

10.00 Coroner 4/12 Series 4 Sparks fly as Jenny reunites with an old flame, while Donovan unexpectedly faces a blast from the past while trying to bring justice to a single mother. (HD)

11.00 New Amsterdam 1/13 Series 5. Bloom, Iggy and Reynolds rally around Max as he deals with the fallout from Helen's decision. Bloom gives extra space to Leyla but she's in for a surprise. (HD)
12 midnight 2/13. Max tests a new cost-saving programme that could help New Amsterdam. (HD)

1.00am Bull (HD) **2.00** Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (S) (HD) **3.00** For Life (S) (AD) (HD) **4.00** Madam Secretary (S) **5.00-6.00am** Nothing to Declare (S)

Sky Witness Sky 107 Virgin 112/HD 111 BT 341/HD 356 **+1** Sky 207 Virgin 220

Sky Max



Dan Brown's The Lost Symbol 8.00pm Can Nuñez help?

6.00am Highway Patrol (S) (AD) (HD) **8.00** DC's Legends of Tomorrow (S) (AD) (HD) **12 noon** NCIS: New Orleans (HD)

4.00pm Grimm 13/23 Series 5 A local maskmaker targets Wesen to create luchador masks that bestow power to their wearers.

5.00 14/23. Nick and Hank discover a Wesen disease that may be the inspiration for the modern-day werewolf myth.

6.00 15/23. Nick and Hank suspect Wesen involvement after encountering a once-beautiful woman who seems to have aged 70 years overnight before dying.
7.00 16/23. An evangelical preacher uses his Wesen identity to gain more believers. (HD)

8.00 Dan Brown's The Lost Symbol 3/10. Robert and Katherine are forced to turn to Nuñez for help. (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 4/10. Robert follows the next clue alone, while Katherine teams up with Sato to find her father another way. (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 Football's Funniest Moments A look at comical incidents from the sport. (S) (AD) (HD)

12 midnight Peacemaker (S) (AD) (HD) **1.00am** Road Wars (S) (HD) **2.00-6.00am** Stop, Search, Seize: four editions (S) (AD) (HD)

Sky Max Sky 113 (Wales 114) Virgin 122/HD 121 BT 346/HD 361

Sky Replay

7.00am Four Weddings (S) (AD) (HD) **10.00** Stargate SG-1 (S) (HD) **8.00pm** FBI: when a retired DEA agent is shot outside a bakery, the team works to determine if the victim's past cases or current job are connected to the murder (HD) **9.00** FBI: International: the Fly Team and Jaeger head to Berlin when the 19-year-old son of an billionaire is found unresponsive in his apartment (HD) **10.00** FBI: Most Wanted: when a female con artist kills a wealthy East Hamptons couple, the team works to find out her true identity and track her down (HD) **11.00** The Good Doctor: Dr Murphy and Dr Powell are at odds when it comes to their patient's surgery (HD) **12 midnight** Coroner (HD) **1.00am** New Amsterdam (HD) **3.00** Bull (HD) **4.00** Duck Quacks Don't Echo (S) (AD) (HD) **5.00-6.00am** Four Weddings (S) (AD) (HD)

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Sky Crime

6.00am Road Wars (S) **7.00** Brit Cops: Rapid Response (S) (AD) **8.00** Highway Cops (S) (HD) **8.30** Caught Red Handed (S) (HD) **10.00** Murdered at First Sight (S) (AD) (HD) **11.00** Britain's Most Evil Killers (S) (HD) **12 noon** Killer in My Village (S) (HD) **1.00pm** When Life Means Life (S) (AD) (HD) **2.00** World's Most Evil Killers (S) (AD) (HD) **3.00** Killer in My Village (S) (HD) **4.00** The Real Manhunter (S) (HD) **5.00** World's Most Evil Killers (S) (AD) (HD) **8.00** What the Killer Did Next (S) (HD) **9.00** Deep Water: the Real Story (S) (W) (HD) **11.00** Forensics: Catching the Killer (HD) **12 midnight** An Unexpected Killer (HD) **1.00am** World's Most Evil Killers (S) (HD) **3.00** Road Wars (S) (HD) **5.00-6.00am** Motorway Patrol (S) (AD)

Sky Crime Sky 122 Virgin 137/HD 136 BT 349/HD 364 **+1** Sky 222 Virgin 221

Gold



The Vicar of Dibley 7.10pm Owen has a proposal to make

7.30am The Two Ronnies (S) **8.55** The Two Ronnies: Christmas 1987 (S) **10.00** Only Fools and Horses (S) (AD) **5.25pm** Porridge (S) (AD)

6.30pm Ghosts Alison hopes to deliver the best Christmas ever for the living and the dead, but the latter aren't full of cheer. (AD) (HD)

7.10 The Vicar of Dibley Passions erupt when Geraldine turns Cupid and then receives a marriage proposal herself. (S) (AD)
8.00 Geraldine learns that there is a heavy price to be paid for festive kindness when she agrees to attend three lunches. (S) (AD)

9.00 Mrs Brown's Boys In this Christmas special, Agnes finds the festive spirit lacking during a games night when her nearest and dearest disobey her rules. (S) (HD)

9.50 Gavin & Stacey The Shipmans and the Wests gather for the festivities in Barry. Dawn makes a shocking discovery about Pete and a visit to the pub proves to be an eye-opener. (S) (AD) (HD)

11.10 Mrs Brown's Boys The doting mother has a new house guest – a homeless parrot. (S) (HD)

12 midnight Two Doors Down (HD) **12.40am** Peep Show (S) **1.50** The Vicar of Dibley (S) (AD) **2.50** Two Doors Down (HD) **3.20-4.00am** Mrs Brown's Boys (S) (HD)

Gold Sky 110 (Wales 111) Virgin 124 BT 344/HD 359 **+1** Sky 210 (Wales 211) Virgin 194

Sky Comedy

8.00am Will & Grace (S) (AD) (HD) **1.00pm** Silicon Valley (S) (HD) **4.00** Futurama (S) (HD) **6.30** The Office US: five episodes. Dwight starts being nice to everyone in the office **7.00** Michael sets up a murder-mystery game **7.30** Michael takes Dwight, Andy and Oscar to New York **8.00** Jim hopes an Employee of the Month award will raise spirits at Dunder Mifflin **8.30** Andy's Secret Santa gifts prove unsuccessful (S) (HD) **9.00 New.** Saturday Night Live: the 48th season of the Emmy Award-winning late-night comedy showcase continues (HD) **10.25** Curb Your Enthusiasm: Larry takes Cheryl out for an evening's bowling with Ted Danson and Mary Steenburgen (S) (HD) **11.00** Saturday Night Live (HD) **12.30am** Silicon Valley (S) (HD) **4.00-5.00am** Will & Grace (S) (AD)

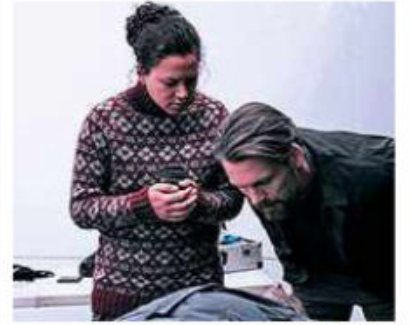
Sky Comedy Sky 114 (Wales 115) Virgin 135/HD 123 BT 347/HD 362

Comedy Central

8.00am Friends (S) (AD) (HD) **6.00pm** Friends (S) (AD) (HD) **9.00** **FILM** Out Of Office ★★ Comedy starring Milana Vayntrub and Ken Jeong. Eliza realises her job security depends on helping her boss with his fast-deteriorating marriage (S) **10.40** Joe Lycett: That's the Way, A-Ha, A-Ha, Joe Lycett: a performance from the comedian's live show, recorded at the Duchess Theatre in London's West End (S) (HD) **11.40** Live at the Apollo: Dara O Briain unleashes the acerbic wit of Frankie Boyle on an unsuspecting Apollo (S) (HD) **12.40am** The Ren & Stimpy Show (S) **1.40** South Park (S) (HD) **4.10-5.00am** Friends (S) (AD) (HD)

Comedy Central Sky 112 (Wales 113) Virgin 181/HD 132 BT 345/HD 360 **+1** Sky 212 (Wales 213) Virgin 133

Alibi



Black Sands 10.00pm Anita and Salomon have a theory

7.10am Murdoch Mysteries (S) (HD) **10.00** Father Brown (S) (AD) (HD) **1.00pm** Death in Paradise: three episodes (S) (AD) (HD)

5.00pm The Doctor Blake Mysteries 7/10 Series 1. A nurse is found murdered at the asylum, but a patient's confession is not enough to convince Blake. (S) (HD)
6.00 8/10. When a contestant on a TV game show is electrocuted, Blake suspects foul play. (S) (HD)

7.00 Hudson & Rex 14/16 Series 4. After the owner of a construction company is found dead, Charlie and Rex track the killer to a casino. (S) (AD) (HD)
8.00 15/16. While St. John's celebrates Mardi Gras, Charlie and Rex investigate a targeted killing spree. (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 Death in Paradise 8/8 Series 8. A dead body is found in the police station. (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 New. Black Sands 6/8 A body is found, linked to a case Frida and Anita are investigating. Icelandic +subtitles. (HD)

11.10 Ragdoll 6/6. Baxter and Edmunds are faced with a difficult decision. (S) (AD) (HD)

12.10am Pretty Hard Cases (AD) (HD) **1.10** Hudson & Rex: double bill (S) (AD) (HD) **3.05-4.00am** The Doctor Blake Mysteries (S) (HD)

Alibi Sky 109 (Wales 110) Virgin 126 BT 343/HD 358 **+1** Sky 209 (Wales 210) Virgin 191

Discovery

6.00am Blowing Up History (S) (AD) (HD) **12 noon** Alaska: Homestead Rescue (S) (HD) **6.00pm** Homestead Rescue: Raney Ranch: the Raney push beyond their limits to finish two cabins (S) (AD) (HD) **7.00** Alaskan Bush People: the Brown siblings battle boat issues while racing to meet a deadline (S) (AD) (HD) **8.00 New.** Alaskan Bush People: the Browns must navigate the treacherous Wrangell Narrows (HD)
9.00 New. Alaska: the Last Frontier: August must make some hard choices about his future (HD) **10.00** Deadliest Catch: the Viking Returns: Captain Jake Anderson plans for his next move as a professional fisherman (S) (AD) (HD) **11.00** Kindig Customs: the shop has been perfecting the CFIs (HD)

12 midnight-5.00am Alaskan Bush People: five editions (S) (AD) (HD)

Discovery Sky 125 Virgin 250 BT 320/HD 325 **+1** Sky 225 Virgin 258

Discovery History

6.00am Unsolved History **9.00** Greatest Events of World War II (S) **11.00** Tony Robinson's World War One (S) **12 noon** Combat Dealers (S) **3.00pm** Unsolved History **5.00** Combat Dealers (S) (AD) **8.00** Greatest Events of World War II: restored colour footage recounts Japan's surprise military strike on Pearl Harbor on 7 December 1941, then the story of the Battle of Midway, when the Allies launched a decisive counter-attack against Japanese forces (S) **10.00** Aircrash Confidential: two editions. Events of December 1985, when a plane crashed in Canada less than one mile after take-off, then how pilots cope with emergency landings (S) **12 midnight-5.00am** Combat Dealers (S) (AD)

Discovery History Sky 177 Virgin 257 **+1** Sky 277 Virgin 261



Sky Documentaries



Branson 9.00pm A pair of death-defying publicity stunts

6.00am Discovering: Mel Gibson (S) **7.00** Discovering: Richard Attenborough (S) **8.00** The Directors (S) **9.00** My So-Called High School Rank **11.00** Edge of the Earth (HD) **12.15pm** Branson **1.30** Steve McQueen: the Lost Movie (S) (AD) **3.20** Music Box (S) (AD)

5.00pm Man on Wire **★★★★**

Drama documentary that details the execution of one of the most daring stunts of all time. On 7 August 1974, Philippe Petit took a tightrope walk between the Twin Towers of New York's World Trade Center, incurring the wrath of the authorities. (S) (W)

7.00 Chernobyl: the Lost Tapes Archive footage of the 1986 nuclear disaster. (S) (AD)

9.00 Branson How Richard Branson relied on publicity stunts to secure media attention. (HD)

10.10 GoldenEra The story of the creation and legacy of the 1997 Nintendo 64 video game GoldenEye 007. (S) (AD)

12.10am FILM I Am Bruce Lee **★★★★** A profile of the charismatic actor and martial arts star (S) (AD) (W) **2.00 FILM** The Capote Tapes **★★★★** The life and work of novelist Truman Capote (S) (W) **4.00** Althea (S) (AD) **5.40–6.00am** My Icon: Denise Lewis (S) (AD) (HD)

Sky Documentaries Sky 121 Virgin 278/HD 277 BT 352/HD 367

Nat Geographic

8.00am Sex in the Stone Age (HD) **9.00** Egypt's Sun King: Secrets and Treasures (HD) **10.00** Lost Cities with Albert Lin (S) (AD) (HD) **3.00pm** Snakes in the City (S) (HD) **6.15** Shark Beach with Chris Hemsworth (HD) **7.20** Welcome to Earth: Will Smith is on the trail of tiger sharks in the Pacific as he takes a deep dive into the power and importance of smell (HD) **8.00 New.** Christmas from Above: Europe's most Christmassy post office, a breathtaking train of lights and an age-old monster's parade (HD) **9.00 New.** Drain the Oceans: new discoveries made at a lost city and a tale of human sacrifice offer fresh insights into the rise and fall of the ancient Mayan civilisation (HD) **10.00** Lost Treasures of the Maya (HD) **2.00–5.00am** Lost Treasures of Egypt: three editions (S) (AD) (HD)

Nat Geographic Sky 129 Virgin 266/HD 268 +1 Sky 229 Virgin 267

Sky History

6.00am Counting Cars (HD) **9.00** History's Crazy Rich Ancients **10.00 New.** Salvage Kings (HD) **11.00** Pawn Stars (HD) **1.00pm** Mountain Men (HD) **2.00** Salvage Kings (HD) **6.00** UFOs Declassified (HD) **7.00** Craig Charles: UFO Conspiracies: double bill. Craig and co-presenter Sarah Cruddas head to central Scotland, which has its own "Area 51", then investigate a spectacular mass UFO sighting over the city of Phoenix, Arizona, in 1997 (HD) **9.00 New.** Theodore Roosevelt: drama-documentary about the early 20th-century president's desire to fight for the working man, and the effects he had on the political landscape. Rufus Jones stars (HD) **11.00** Washington (HD) **1.00–6.00am** Strangest Things (HD)

Sky History Sky 123 Virgin 270 BT 353/HD 368 +1 Sky 223 Virgin 271

Sky Nature



In for the Kill 8.00pm A lion takes down a wildebeest

6.00am The Wild Wild East (S) (HD) **8.00** World's Most Toxic Animals (S) (AD) **10.00** Hope for Wildlife (S) (HD) **11.00** Great Blue Wild (S) (HD) **2.00pm** Micro Monsters with David Attenborough (S) (AD) (HD) **2.30** David Attenborough's Dragons and Damsels (S) (AD) (HD) **3.30** David Attenborough's Rise of Animals: Triumph of the Vertebrates (S) (HD)

6.00pm New. Monkey Life Alison takes action to protect the park after learning that Covid-19 can also affect apes. (HD) **6.30 New.** The team welcomes a new female loris to the park. (HD)

7.00 Bear: Koala Hero Following the work of a dog in helping to rescue injured koalas from burnt-out bushland. (S) (AD) (HD)

8.00 In for the Kill How nature's predators have adapted to achieve epic feats of stealth, cunning and agility. (S) (HD)

9.00 Predators A brotherhood of cheetahs loses its hunting ground. **See page 57.** (HD)

10.00 Nature's Mass Attacks The complex world of spectacularly brutal group attacks. (HD)

11.00 Monkey Life As 6/6.30pm. **12 midnight** Predators (HD) **1.00am** Brazil Untamed (S) (HD) **4.00–6.00am** Undiscovered Vistas (S) (HD)

Sky Nature Sky 124 Virgin 280/HD 279 BT 354/HD 369

Eden

9.00am Bahama Blue (HD) **3.00pm** Sea of Creepy Monsters (HD) **4.00** Bahama Blue: six editions. Nature in the Bahamas, including creatures, plants, caves, blue holes and biological anomalies **5.00** Exploring mangroves, which are home to a plethora of creatures **6.00** The diverse marine creatures that live among the coral structures **7.00** Looking at the Sand Flats and the creatures that live there **8.00** Creatures that live in the open water **9.00** The interconnected ecosystems and species in the Bahamas (HD) **10.00** Sea of Creepy Monsters: underwater creatures that thrive around the Indonesian island of Sulawesi, a unique area of marine biodiversity (HD) **11.00** Bahama Blue (HD) **4.40am** Sea of Creepy Monsters (HD) **5.30–6.00am** Collar of Duty (HD)

Eden Sky 166 Virgin HD 245 +1 Sky 266 Virgin 246

Animal Planet

8.00am Tanked (S) (HD) **9.00** How Do Animals Do That? (S) (HD) **10.00** My Cat from Hell (S) (HD) **11.00** Animal Cops Philadelphia (S) (AD) (HD) **12 noon** Tanked (S) (HD) **1.00pm** Pit Bulls and Parolees (S) (HD) **2.00** Meet the Orangutans (S) (HD) **3.00** Meet the Penguins (S) (HD) **4.00** My Cat from Hell (S) (AD) (HD) **5.00** Animal Cops Philadelphia (S) (AD) (HD) **6.00** Tanked (S) (HD) **7.00** Pit Bulls and Parolees (S) (HD) **8.00** Celebrity Animal Encounters (HD) **9.00** Crocodile Hunter: Best of Steve Irwin (S) (HD) **10.00** Alaska Monsters (S) (HD) **11.00** Wild Australia (S) (HD) **12 midnight** Wild Hawaii (S) (HD) **1.00am** Alaska Monsters (S) (HD) **2.00** My Cat from Hell (S) (AD) (HD) **3.00** Animal Cops Philadelphia (S) (AD) (HD) **4.00–5.00am** Tanked (S) (HD)

Animal Planet Sky 162 (NI 178) Virgin 251 +1 Sky 262 (NI 278) Virgin 259

SPORT

Sky Main Event

Sky 401 Virgin 511/HD 501 BT 420/HD 440

5.30am LIVE Test Cricket Pakistan v England, day three of the second Test from Multan.

12.15pm Test Bitesize: day three

12.30 LIVE Championship Football QPR v Burnley from Loftus Road (kick-off **1.00**).

3.30 LIVE Women's Super League Football Aston Villa v Arsenal at Villa Park (kick-off **4.15**); **6.30** Chelsea v Reading from Kingsmeadow (kick-off **6.45**). **Sport: page 35**

9.15 LIVE NFL A week 14 game; **12.30am** Denver Broncos v Kansas City Chiefs (kick-off **1.20**).

4.30 Test Bitesize: day three **4.45–6.00am LIVE Test Cricket** Pakistan v England, day four of the second Test in Multan. Coverage continues until 12.15pm.

Sky Football

Sky 403 Virgin 513/HD 503 BT 422/HD 442

6.00am League One and Two Goals

6.30 Championship Highlights

8.00 League One and Two Goals

8.30 Championship Highlights **10.00** German Football

10.30 League One and Two Goals **11.00** Championship Highlights **12 noon** Inside the WSL

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3.30 LIVE Women's Super League Football Aston Villa v Arsenal at Villa Park (kick-off **4.15**); **6.30** Chelsea v Reading from Kingsmeadow (kick-off **6.45**).

9.30 Women's Super League Football

10.00 The Lawman: documentary (AD)

11.30 Women's Super League Football

12 midnight League Cup Retro

1.00am Classic Play-Off Finals

4.00–6.00am Championship Retro

Sky Golf

Sky 405 Virgin 515/HD 505 BT 424/HD 444

6.00am European Tour **8.00** PGA Tour: Hero Challenge

8.30 European eTour Golf **9.00** European Tour Golf

10.00 LIVE European Tour Golf Day four of the Alfred Dunhill Championship from South Africa.

2.30pm PGA Tour Golf

5.30 European eTour Golf

6.00 LIVE PGA Tour Golf Day three of the QBE Shootout.

9.00 European Tour Golf **10.00** PGA Tour Golf

1.00am European Tour Golf

2.00 The Open: Official Films (AD)

3.00 European Tour Golf

5.00–6.00am Masterclass (AD)

Sky Mix

Sky 416 Virgin 520/HD 510 BT 429/HD 449

6.00–1.00am LIVE NFL Redzone Live action and updates.

Eurosport 1

Sky 410 Virgin 521 BT 412/HD 435

6.00am Cyclo-Cross **7.00** Alpine Skiing

8.15 LIVE Alpine Skiing The first run in the men's slalom at the World Cup meeting in Val d'Isère;

9.30 The women's slalom, first run at the World Cup in Sestriere.

10.30 Ski Jumping **11.30** Skiing

11.45 LIVE Alpine Skiing The second run in the men's slalom at the World Cup in Val d'Isère;

12.30pm The women's slalom, second run from Sestriere, Italy.

1.30 Ski Jumping

2.30 LIVE Ski Jumping The men's HS142 jump at the World Cup meeting in Germany.

4.30 Alpine Skiing **6.30** Ski Jumping

7.30 Biathlon **8.00** Cycling **10.00** Alpine Skiing: World Cup

12 midnight Ski Jumping **1.00am** Cycling **2.00** Snooker

4.00–6.00am Alpine Skiing



Women's Super League

6.30pm Sky Premier League Chelsea powerhouse Sam Kerr

Sky Premier League

Sky 402 Virgin 512/HD 502 BT 421/HD 441

6.00am Greatest Games **7.00** World Cup Breakfast

10.00 World Cup Report

12 noon LIVE Scottish Women's League Cup Final Rangers v Hibernian (kick-off **12.30pm**).

3.30pm LIVE Women's Super League Football Aston Villa v Arsenal at Villa Park (kick-off **4.15**);

6.30 Chelsea v Reading (ko **6.45**).

9.30 World Cup Report **10.00** Class of 92

1.00–6.00am Premier League

Sky Cricket

Sky 404 Virgin 514/HD 504 BT 423/HD 443

6.00am LIVE Test Cricket Pakistan v England, continued coverage of day three in Multan.

12.15pm Test Bitesize **12.30** Best of England (AD) **1.00** The Fletcher Years (AD)

1.30 Talking Cricket (AD) **2.00** Stuart Broad

2.45 Test Bitesize **3.00** Test Highlights

4.00 Ashes Memories **5.00** Test Bitesize

5.15 Stuart Broad **6.00** Test Highlights

7.00 Big Bash League **8.00** The Fletcher Years (AD)

8.30 Talking Cricket (AD) **9.00** Test Highlights

10.00 Best of England v Pakistan (AD) **11.00** Test Highlights

12 midnight Cricket: highlights

4.45–6.00am LIVE Test Cricket Pakistan v England, day four. Continues until 12.15pm.

Sky NFL

Sky 407 Virgin 517/HD 507 BT 426/HD 446

6.00am NFL **2.00pm** NFL Gameday

5.00 LIVE NFL Live coverage of a week 14 game (kick-off **6.00**);

9.15 The day's second game;

12.30am Denver Broncos v Kansas City Chiefs (kick-off **1.20**).

4.30–6.00am NFL Bitesize

Sky Arena

Sky 408 Virgin 518/HD 508 BT 427/HD 447

6.00am NBA **10.00** Boxing **12 noon** Basketball

2.15pm Boxing **2.30** Yachting

3.00 Boxing **4.00** NBA

8.30 LIVE NBA New Orleans Pelicans v Phoenix Suns;

11.00 Detroit Pistons v LA Lakers.

1.30am NBA **2.00** Boxing

4.00–6.00am NBA

Eurosport 2

Sky 411 Virgin 522 BT 413/HD 436

6.00am Alpine Skiing **7.00** Cyclo-Cross

8.00 LIVE Speed Skating World Cup from Kazakhstan.

11.45 LIVE Cross-Country Skiing World Cup from Norway.

1.05pm Cyclo-Cross

2.00 LIVE Cyclo-Cross World Cup, the men's race from Dublin.

3.15 Cyclo-Cross **4.00** Cycling

5.00 Golf **6.00** Showjumping **7.00** Cycling

8.00 Snooker **10.00** Motorsport

12 midnight Alpine Skiing **2.00am** Cycling

4.00–6.00am Snooker

BT Sport 1

Sky 413 Virgin 527 BT 408/HD 430

7.00am ESPN FC: football news

7.30 Premier League Legends (AD)

8.00 LIVE Australian Football Perth Glory v Melbourne Victory in A-League Women (kick-off **8.00**).

10.00 Wrestling (AD) **11.00** Around the Block (AD)

11.15 Premier League Stories (AD) **11.45** ESPN FC

12.15pm LIVE National League Football Braintree Town v Dulwich Hamlet, a National League South match (kick-off **12.30**);

2.45 Oldham Athletic v Torquay United (kick-off **3.00**).

5.15 LIVE Futsal The FA National Futsal Series at St George's Park.

7.15 National League Football

7.45 ESPN FC **8.15** Around the Block (AD)

8.30 Test Cricket Highlights

9.30 LIVE International T20 Cricket West Indies v England, the first women's T20 from Antigua.

1.45am International One-Day Cricket

2.45 BT Sport Reload (AD)

3.00 Test Cricket Highlights

4.00–6.00am LIVE Test Cricket Australia v West Indies, day five of the second Test from Adelaide. Coverage continues until 12 noon.

BT Sport 2

Sky 414 Virgin 528 BT 409/HD 431

6.00am LIVE Test Cricket Australia v West Indies, continued coverage of day four of the second Test from Adelaide Oval.

12 noon Rugby Union (AD)

12.30pm LIVE Champions Cup Rugby Union Sale Sharks v Ulster, a Pool B match (kick-off **1.00**);

3.00 Saracens v Edinburgh, a Pool A match (kick-off **3.15**);

5.15 Ospreys v Leicester Tigers, a Pool B match (kick-off **5.30**).

7.45 Champions Cup Rugby Union

8.45 BT Sport Reload (AD)

9.00 Wrestling: WWE action (AD)

12.45 BT Sport Films (AD) **2.45am** Poker (AD)

3.45 The Action Woman Show (AD) **4.45** The Volleyball Show (AD)

5.15 Badminton Unlimited (AD)

5.45–6.00am BT Sport Reload (AD)

BT Sport 3

Sky 417 Virgin 529 BT 410/HD 432

6.30am LIVE Badminton The final day of the BWF World Tour Finals from Bangkok.

Monday



DARK DAY
Colin (Michael Cashman), Sharon (Letitia Dean) and Sonia (Natalie Cassidy) pay tribute to Dot (June Brown)

SOAP

EastEnders 7.35pm BBC1

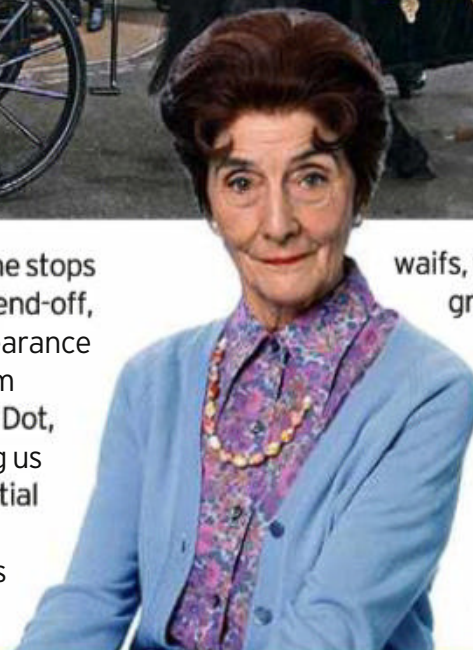
Catch up via iPlayer

Play a character on a continuing drama for long enough and the line between actor and alter-ego blurs. A prime example occurs tonight at the funeral of Dot Branning, which also feels like a tribute to June Brown, whose association with *EastEnders* dates back to 1985.

Given her contribution, all the stops have been pulled out for this send-off, one highlight being the reappearance of some old faces. Each of them represents a different facet of Dot, with Colin and Barry reminding us of the breaking down of her initial bigotries, the likes of Mary the punk and Disa pointing to Dot's friendships with Walford's

waifs, while Lauren returns to spotlight her grandmotherly side. Sonia, of course, remains a mainstay, but organising the service has taken a toll.

Following the episode, BBC4 gives us the chance to catch a 2017 profile of Brown (8.15pm), as well as the 2008 one-hander special that earned her a Bafta nomination (8.45pm). **DAVID BROWN**



ENTERTAINMENT

Strictly Come Dancing: the Results

8.15pm BBC1

Catch up via iPlayer

Making a total mockery of the pretence that *Strictly's* results show is broadcast live, it's being shown tonight immediately before Rylan chats to the departing couple on sister show *It Takes Two* (9.00pm BBC2). So, following their sorrowful farewell dance, they manage to change costumes, remove their make-up and nip over to another studio in the space of about two minutes, do they?

Barring any unforeseen illnesses or injuries, there are five celebrities left in the competition now and they'll all be keen to get back out onto that dance floor next week (whichever day it's broadcast) for the final.

JANE RACKHAM

DOCUMENTARY

The Savoy at Christmas

9.00pm ITV Catch up via ITVX

Daunted by hosting the festive lunch this year? Spare a thought for staff at the Savoy who will be serving top-notch turkey dinners and pigs in blankets to roughly 300 guests. Filmed during 2021's "comeback" Christmas, this documentary goes behind the scenes at one of London's most luxurious hotels during their busiest time of the year.

From a knockout £250,000-display in the lobby to immaculately dressed trees in suites, it's both lovely to look at and evidently extraordinarily hard work. Gordon Ramsay makes an appearance at his restaurant, but it's the less starry employees who stand out, like guest experience manager Sean, preparing for his first Christmas off in a decade. **ORLA THOMAS**
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DOCUMENTARY

Waitrose at Christmas

8.00pm C4 Catch up via All 4

Another day, another behind-the-scenes supermarket doc. At least there's no sign of Gregg Wallace wearing a hairnet. Instead, this one delves into Waitrose's plans to help shoppers eat, drink and be merry. In the "Innovation Kitchen", chefs concoct Christmas recipes with wow factor. At Hampshire's Leckford Estate, it's a race against time to beat the snap frost and harvest enough grapes for this year's fizz.

Then comes the most competitive part of the Yuletide period: the making of the Christmas advert, which proves unexpectedly controversial. With suppliers feeling the financial squeeze, purse strings tight and food costs spiralling, will customers still splash out on festive treats? **MICHAEL HOGAN**

ENTERTAINMENT

A League of Their Own

9.00pm Sky Max

Catch up via Sky Go/Now

The banter-heavy sports panel game returns for a raucous seasonal special. The lads not only look back at standout moments from the latest series but, as a Christmas gift for golf-mad Jamie Redknapp, host Romesh Ranganathan has organised a special tournament: the Redknapp Cup. Well, it beats novelty socks.

After getting a lesson from cult hero pro Andrew "Beef" Johnston, rival captains Jamie and Micah Richards lead star-studded teams featuring Joel Dommett, Maisie Adam, Alex Brooker, Tony Bellew, Eve Muirhead, John Barnes, David Seaman and, ahem, H from Steps. After Christmas dinner, they play one final festive-themed round. Ho-ho-hole in one? **MH**

ALSO ON TODAY

The Disappearance of April Jones

9.00pm **C4**

Documentary charting the disappearance of the five-year-old in 2012. Continues daily until Wednesday.

The White Lotus

9.00pm **Sky Atlantic**

Jennifer Coolidge (right) stars in the final episode of the drama where the devious plotting is as fabulous as the Sicilian scenery.



Walter Presents: Partisan

12.05am **C4**

Swedish crime thriller set in a strict community where youngsters are schooled in gymnastics. Anna Bjork stars.

DOCUMENTARY

Putin's Attack on Ukraine: Documenting War Crimes

9.05pm **PBS America**

Catch up via Freeview Play

Since few witnesses survive and perpetrators are often protected, documenting war crimes is usually difficult. The invasion of Ukraine is different, not least since the alleged war crimes of Russian troops (530 by the end of October, with 40,000 ongoing investigations) are being collated as the conflict continues.

Reporter Erika Kinetz brings journalistic rigour to Twitter footage and eyewitness accounts, plus there are intercepted calls where an apparent Russian soldier admits, "I've already killed so many civilians." Can justice prevail? **JOHN AIZLEWOOD**

DOCUMENTARY

Trailblazers: a Rocky Mountain Road Trip

9.30pm **BBC2** Catch up via iPlayer

LAST EPISODE

Ruby Wax, Mel B and Emily Attack are on the final stretch of their tour. Ruby spends lots of time reading out loud from the journal of Victorian adventurer Isabella Bird. The others sort of tune it out – and someone, or something, also has an idea of what to do with her book.

The goal is to hike up a mountain, but first they visit two rodeo sisters, a wolf sanctuary, a spiritual community – "Peter is a plant musician and alchemist", they're told, just about managing not to roll their eyes – and spend a night looking for sasquatch. There are tears and laughter, and all three come away having learnt about themselves. **GILL CRAWFORD**

FOOD

Big Zuu's Christmas Eats

9.45pm **BBC3** Catch up via iPlayer

First shown on Dave in 2020, and before he became a double Bafta-winner, this programme finds the rapper-turned-chef in his element. Let's face it, you don't come to Big Zuu for his recipes (although they're a cool introduction to dishes you don't often see on TV). You come for the happiness he brings to the people he makes food for.

Here he's making a festive blow-out for some musical mates. He soon has hip hop star Loyle Carner in stitches, talks "V-gang" options with Jme and his sister June Adenuga, and catches up with his cousin, rapper AJ Tracey. It's joyous – and there's more on Friday, when he cooks up laughs with comedians. **GC**

LIVE SPORT



Championship Football Sunderland v West Bromwich Albion

7.30pm (k/o 8pm)

Sky Main Event/Football

West Brom coach Carlos Corberán (above) faces a big test.

Test Cricket

Australia v West Indies
from 6.30am **BT Sport 1**

The second and final Test continues in Adelaide, with a potentially deciding fifth day.

Snooker: English Open

12.45pm **Eurosport 1**

Day one from the Brentwood Centre in Essex. Neil Robertson won the title in 2021.

FILM OF THE DAY

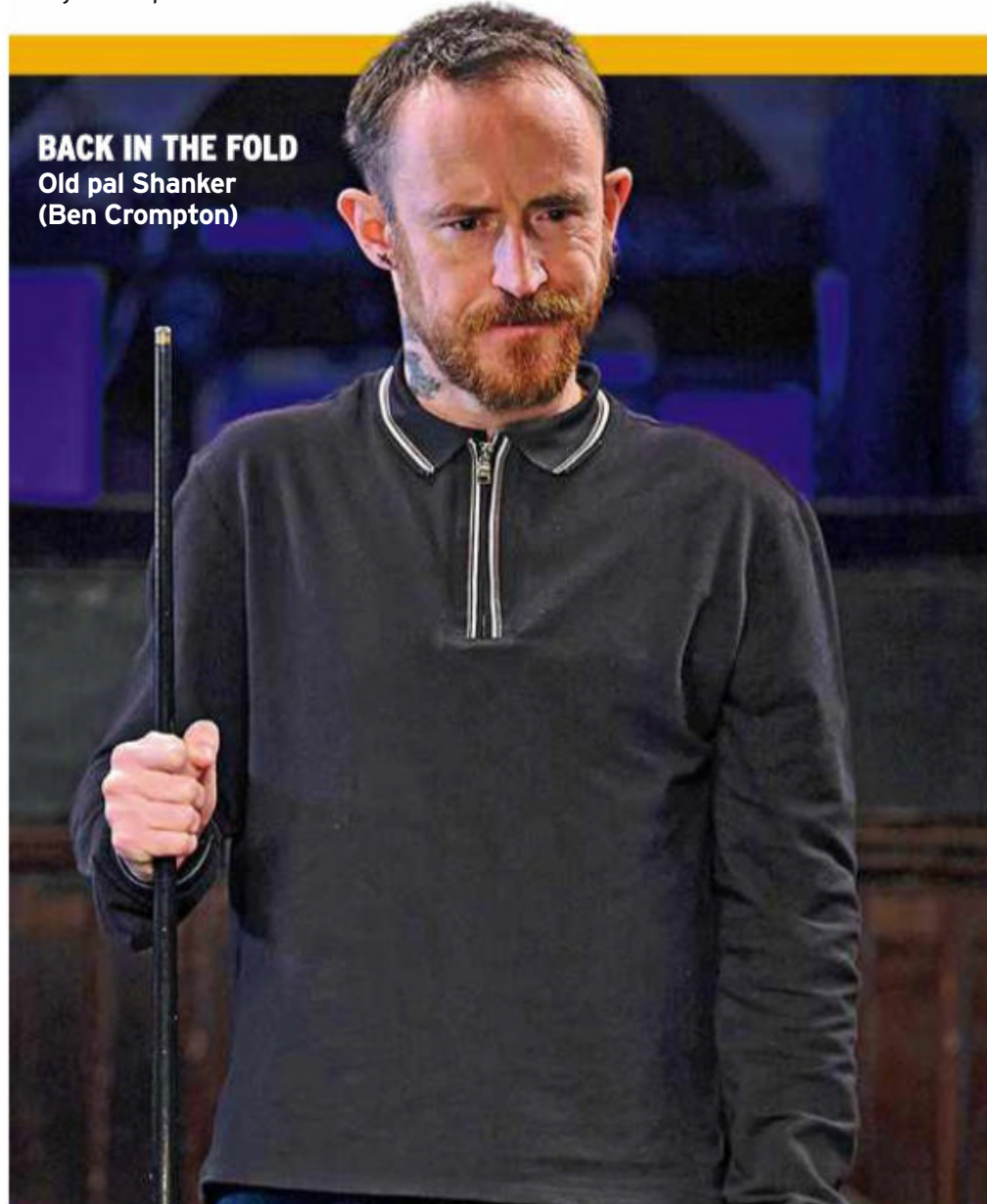


Suburbicon ★★★★★ **15**

11.15pm (not N Ireland) **BBC2**

The tranquil surface of a 1950s community hides a dark tide of racial prejudice and murder in George Clooney's darkly comic drama, with Matt Damon (above) as a suburban sociopath who wants to marry his wife's sister. (2017)

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BACK IN THE FOLD

Old pal Shanker
(Ben Crompton)

DRAMA

Strike: Troubled Blood

9.00pm **BBC1** All episodes available now via iPlayer

Forget solving the case – viewers might need a filing cabinet and team of sleuths just to keep track of all the side characters from Strike's life who seem to pop up at every turn.

Two episodes in and we've already spent time with his aunt and uncle, his half-sister on his mother's side, his half-brother on his father's side, his old Cornish schoolfriend, his best mate in the police, his old criminal pal Shanker, his grumpy secretary and a pair of new detectives who have appeared out of nowhere to work for his agency.

And as if that wasn't enough, the suspect list in the disappearance of Dr Margot Bamborough is only growing. Could her petulant husband be the culprit? A senile mob boss? A mentally unwell ex-patient? Or the murderer behind bars we haven't even met yet? Time to start keeping notes... **HUW FULLERTON** See page 20

MONDAY Main Channels

DAYTIME

BBC1

6.00am Breakfast Jon Kay, Sally Nugent. (S) (HD)
9.15 Morning Live at Christmas Magazine show, presented by Gethin Jones and Kym Marsh. (S) (HD)
10.00 Expert Witness A gemologist exposes a diamond investment scam and three violent cold cases in Pembrokeshire are solved. (Revised repeat) (S) (AD) (HD)
10.45 A Countryside Christmas Tips on making a card and choosing the right tree. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
11.15 Homes under the Hammer Properties in Stoke-on-Trent, Northamptonshire and Ebbw Vale. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
12.15pm Bargain Hunt Eric Knowles presents from Newark Showground. Rptd tomorrow 6.30am BBC2 (S) (AD) (HD)
1.00 BBC News Regional News; Weather (S) (HD)
1.45 Doctors Disaster ensues when a surgeon and his pregnant partner try to surprise each other. (S) (AD) (HD)
2.15 Money for Nothing Sarah Moore saves a glass corner cabinet, some metal tins and tools, and an unwanted side table. Repeated tomorrow 7.15am BBC2 (S) (HD)
3.00 Escape to the Country Steve Brown helps a newlywed couple escape south London and put down roots in Cumbria. Repeated Wednesday 7.15am BBC2 (S) (AD) (HD)
3.45 The Bidding Room Items include a knife sharpener, a drinks cabinet and a toy milk cart. (R) (S) (HD)
4.30–5.15 The Weakest Link Competitors include Esme Young, Patrick Grant, Dave Gorman, the Rev Richard Coles, Kaz Kamwi and the Vivienne. (R) (S) (HD)

BBC2

6.15am My Life at Christmas with Sally Phillips With Lemn Sissay. Shown yesterday 10.30am BBC1 (S) (AD) (HD)
7.15 Escape to the Country A London author looks for a home in Oxfordshire. Shown last Thursday BBC1 (S) (AD) (HD)
8.00–9.00 Sign Zone MasterChef: the Professionals The remaining chefs must create a showstopping dish based around their favourite food memories. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
9.00 BBC News (S) (HD)
12.15pm Politics Live News from Westminster. (S) (HD)
1.00 Meet the Street at Christmas Mark De-Lisser forms a choir for isolated folk in rural Wales. (R) (S) (HD)
1.45 Celebrity Eggheads Five stars of the small screen take on the regulars to win cash for charity. (R) (S) (HD)
2.15 The Best Christmas Food Ever Guest Dominic Littlewood joins chefs Paul Ainsworth and Catherine Fulvio, who serve up roast turkey. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
3.00 World's Weirdest Events Including a woman living with her twin inside her brain. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
4.00–5.00 Back in Time for School The pupils enter a 1970s comprehensive school. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

ITV1

6.00am Good Morning Britain (S) (HD)
9.00 Lorraine Fashion and showbiz news. (S) (HD)
10.00 This Morning Lifestyle features, cookery and celebrity interviews. Including **Regional Weather** (S) (HD)
12.30pm Loose Women Daily discussion. (S) (HD)
1.30 ITV Lunchtime News Regional News; Weather (S) (HD)
2.00 Dickinson's Real Deal David and the dealers head for Telford International Centre, where Stewart Hofgartner bids high on a tiny camera. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
3.00–4.00 Tenable A team of five relatives and friends called David Hill's Billies take part. Warwick Davis hosts. (R) (S) (HD) Followed by **Regional Weather**

Channel 4

6.05am Countdown With Christopher Biggins. (R) (S) (HD)
6.45 Cheers Three episodes of the comedy. (R) (S) (HD)
8.05 Everybody Loves Raymond (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
9.35 Frasier Triple bill of the US sitcom. (R) (S) (AD)
11.05 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA A tropical restaurant in New Jersey. (R) (S) (HD) **12 noon News** (S) (HD)
12.05pm Couples Come Dine with Me A menu based on the theme of love features in Essex. (R) (S) (HD)
1.05 Jamie's Cracking Christmas Jamie Oliver cooks beef wellington and roast goose. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
2.10 Countdown With guest Vick Hope. (S) (HD)
3.00 Château DIY at Christmas Château du Doux has a visit from the fire safety inspector. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
4.00–5.00 A Place in the Sun Danni Menzies helps Poppy and her dad Philip find an inland holiday home in Andalusia on a budget of £50,000. Rptd 6pm 4seven (S) (HD)

BBC1

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EastEnders

7.35pm Dotty and Jack are among family and friends bidding a fond farewell to Dot



5.15pm Pointless Celebrities

An edition in which four teams of celebrity couples – Harry and Izzy Judd, Ade Adepitan and Elle Exxe, Dan Renton Skinner and Olivia Lee, and Nik and Eva Speakman – take part in the quiz. Presented by Alexander Armstrong and co-host Richard Osman. Director John L. Spencer; Producers James Skinner (R) (S) (HD)

6.00 BBC News Weather

(S) (HD)

6.30 Regional news magazines

(S)

7.00 The One Show

Presented by Alex Jones and Roman Kemp. (S) (HD)

7.35 EastEnders

RT Dot's family and friends gather to say goodbye at her funeral, joined by a number of old Walford faces keen to pay their respects. **See page 66.**

Dotty Cotton	Milly Zero	Billy Mitchell	Perry Fenwick
Jack Branning	Scott Maslen	Martin Fowler	James Bye
Chelsea Atkins	Zaraah Abrahams	Jada Lennox	Kelsey Calladine-Smith
Howie Danes	Delroy Atkinson	Nish Panesar	Navin Chowdhry
Honey Mitchell	Emma Barton	Callum "Halfway" Highway	Tony Clay
Harvey Monroe	Ross Boatman	Tom "Rocky" Cotton	Brian Conley
Jay Brown	Jamie Borthwick	Sharon Watts	Letitia Dean
Ben Mitchell	Max Bowden	Kim Fox	Tameka Empson
Freddie Slater	Bobby Brazier	Zack Hudson	James Farrar
Linda Carter	Kellie Bright	Ash Kaur	Gurlaine Kaur Garcha
Finlay Baker	Ashley Byam		

Writer Richard Davidson More cast Thursday (S) (AD) (HD)

8.15 Strictly Come Dancing: the Results

RT Tess Daly and Claudia Winkleman present the results show, which features a performance by the professional dancers joined by judge Craig Revel Horwood and music from Lewis Capaldi. Meanwhile, the viewers' votes will decide which two couples will be going head to head in a dance-off which will determine the last of the finalists. **See page 66.**

Director Nikki Parsons; Series producer Nicola Fitzgerald Signed repeat Thursday 3.45am BBC2 (S) (HD)

9.00 Strike: Troubled Blood

RT **2/4** Series 5. As Strike and Robin's enquiries uncover connections to London's underworld, Robin follows clues that lead towards a dangerous figure. Series 1–5 are on iPlayer. **See page 67.**

Anna Phipps	Sophie Ward	Gloria Conti (1970s)	Jessica Impiazzi
Trudy Mattison	Flaminia Cinque	Janice Beattie (1970s)	Eliza Collings
Samhain Athorn	Dayo Koleosho	Irene Hickson (1970s)	Toni Peach
Delia Athorn	Claire Dunbar	Paul Satchwell (1970s)	Giles Matthey
Dave Polworth	Edward Rowe	Steve Douthwaite (1970s)	Jack Morris
Cynthia	Mary Roscoe	Luca Ricci (1970s)	
Brian Tucker	Billy Boyle		Jacob James Beswick
Elaine	Mazz Murray	Roy Phipps (1970s)	Sam Woolf
Al Rokeby	James Corrigan	Oonagh Kennedy (1970s)	
Anna Phipps (1980s)	Tilly Walker		Genevieve Hulme-Beaman
Cynthia (1980s)	Carys Bowkett	Older boy	Thomas Harper-Jones
Joan Nancarrow (1980s)	Kate Speak	Perfume salesgirl	Lionelle Nsarhaza
Ted Nancarrow (1980s)	Calvin A Dean	Care home visitor	Michael Tully
Cormoran Strike (1980s)	Charlie Price	Ironmonger	Simon Snashall

Dramatised by Tom Edge More cast Sunday (S) (AD) (HD)

See feature: page 20

10.00 BBC News Regional News; Weather

(S) (HD)

10.40 Bill Bailey: Larks in Transit

A stand-up performance by the 2020 *Strictly Come Dancing* champion in which he became the first British comedian to tread the boards of the Royal Opera House in London's Covent Garden. Director/Producer Joe Magee (R) (S) (HD)

11.40 The English

5/6. The Buffalo Gun. Eli grows closer to Cornelia. The whole series is available on iPlayer. Shown last Thursday BBC2 (S) (AD) (HD)

12.30am Have I Got News for You Bill Bailey welcomes comedian Fin Taylor and Labour MP Dawn Butler. (R) (S) (HD)

1.00 Weather for the Week Ahead (S) (HD)

1.05–6.00am BBC News (S) (HD)

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BBC2

2

Trailblazers: a Rocky Mountain Road Trip

9.30pm Can Emily get to grips with rodeo in Colorado Springs?



5.00pm Flog It!

From Sandon Hall in Staffordshire. (R) (S) (HD)

6.00 Richard Osman's House of Games

Kevin Eldon, Sarah Keyworth, Laila Rouass and John Whaite have their knowledge of trivia tested. (S) (HD)

6.30 Celebrity Antiques Road Trip

Reality TV stars Chris Hughes and Jake Quickenden are joined by Izzie Balmer and Irita Marriott as they search for items in South Yorkshire. A 19th-century milk jug attracts Chris's eye while Jake pores over a four-spouted teapot, as their route takes them to Doncaster and Sheffield. More tomorrow 8pm. (S) (HD)

7.30 Mastermind

Specialist subjects are jazz pianist Bill Evans, Belgian cartoonist Georges Remi and his comic character Tintin, 19th-century designer William Morris and *Doctor Who* spin-off series *Torchwood*. Hosted by Clive Myrie. Series producer James Evans; Executive producers Kate Middleditch, Chris Jones, David Young and Jimmy Mulville (S) (HD)

8.00 Only Connect

Victoria Coren Mitchell hosts the quiz show. Tonight, the Croot Family take on the Crustaceans.

Director Siân G Lloyd; Series producer Nick Martin (S) (HD)

RT PUZZLES Join the RT Puzzles website: radiotimespuzzles.com

8.30 University Challenge

Two more of round one's highest-scoring losing teams have another bite at the cherry to qualify for the second round. Jeremy Paxman asks the questions. Director Martin Lord; Producer Peter Gwyn (S) (HD)

9.00 Strictly It Takes Two

RT As Rylan starts the countdown to this weekend's *Strictly* final, he chats to the latest couple to leave the competition. **See page 66.**

Series producers Sonal Patel and Judith Hay Executive producer Eve Winstanley (S) (HD)

9.30 Trailblazers: a Rocky Mountain Road Trip

RT **3/3.** Ruby Wax, Mel B and Emily Atack meet the modern-day mavericks who, like Victorian adventurer Isabella Bird, are ripping up the rule book in search of health and happiness in the Colorado Rockies. The trio are then inspired to emulate Isabella's most impressive feat – ascending a 14,000ft mountain. In Colorado Springs, they meet the sisters blazing a trail through the male-dominated world of rodeo, where Mel identifies with the struggles they've overcome to become champions. **See page 66.**

Director Caroline O'Shaughnessy; Series producer Jill Worsley Repeated tomorrow 11.15pm (S) (AD) (HD)

RT TRAVEL A choice of holidays in Canada: 9 days exploring the Rocky mountains by train; 11 days touring the country's Maritime provinces: p148

10.30 Newsnight

With Victoria Derbyshire. (S) (HD)

11.10 Weather

(S) (HD)

11.15 Suburbicon ★★★★★

■ Satirical black comedy. In 1959, an African-American family move into an all-white suburb and face immediate hostility. Meanwhile, a mild-mannered local man is victim to a bungled home invasion that may not be all it seems. Available on iPlayer for 30 days. **Film of the Day: page 73.**

Gardner Lodge	Matt Damon	Ira	Glenn Fleshler
Rose Lodge/Margaret	Julianne Moore	Louis	Alex Hassell
Bud Cooper	Oscar Isaac	John Sears	Richard Kind
Nicky Lodge	Noah Jupe	Uncle Mitch	Gary Basaraba

Director George Clooney (2017, 15) (S) (W) (HD)

12.55–2.50am Sign Zone 12.55 Countryfile

Anita Rani presents from the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust in Slimbridge, Gloucestershire. Shown yesterday 7.20am (S) (HD)

1.50 The Secret Genius of Modern Life 5/6. Hannah Fry examines the craze for fitness trackers. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

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ITV1

3

The Savoy at Christmas 9.00pm
Sean has a lot of work to do before taking an overdue Christmas break



4.00pm Tipping Point

Four contestants take turns on the supersized arcade machine. Presented by Ben Shephard. Director Richard van't Riet; Executive producers Sara Doyle, Kate Lownds, Hugh Rycroft and Peter Usher (R) (S) (HD)

5.00 The Chase

Fran, Ben, Darshika and Matthew take on one of the mighty Chasers in an attempt to scoop the jackpot. Bradley Walsh asks the questions. Executive producers Michael Kelpie, Martin Scott and Helen Tumbridge (R) (S) (HD)

6.00 Regional News Weather (S) (HD)

6.30 ITV Evening News Weather (S) (HD)

7.30 Emmerdale

Chas finally decides to move on from Al. Mandy is horrified to find Vinny battered and bruised. Writer Tony Higgins Cast Thursday and Friday (S) (AD) (HD)

8.00 Coronation Street

Martha tells Ken that she's leaving. Summer and Aaron's lies catch up with them. All this week's episodes are available on ITVX from today.

Martha Fraser	Stephanie Beacham	Mike Hargrave	Tom Lorcan
Ken Barlow	William Roache	Bernie Winter	Jane Hazlegrove
Summer Spellman	Harriet Bibby	Brian Packham	Peter Gunn
Aaron Sandford	James Craven	Esther Hargrave	Vanessa Hehir
Audrey Roberts	Sue Nicholls	Alya Nazir	Sair Khan
Billy Mayhew	Daniel Brocklebank	Fiz Stape	Jennie McAlpine
Amy Barlow	Elle Mulvaney	Kevin Webster	Michael Le Vell
Gemma Winter	Dolly-Rose Campbell	Spider Nugent	Martin Hancock
Dee-Dee Bailey		Hope Stape	Isabella Flanagan
	Channique Sterling-Brown	Tyrone Dobbs	Alan Halsall
Yasmeen Metcalfe	Shelley King	Wendy Papadopoulos	Roberta Kerr
Nigel Kipling	Richard Elis	Nick Tilsley	Ben Price
Glenda Shuttleworth	Jodie Prenger	Cover and welfare officer	
Mary Taylor	Patti Clare	Philip Shaun McGuinness	
Abi Webster	Sally Carman-Duttine	Nurse	Tigga Goulding

Writers Ellen Taylor and Ella Greenhill More cast Friday (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 The Savoy at Christmas

RT The cameras return to the palatial London hotel to chart the meticulous preparations for Christmas, which begin in November as the team work through the night to transform the Savoy into a winter wonderland. Down in the cellar, Ella and her team organise hundreds of tons of food and wine, as the hotel stockpiles the finest fare. Meanwhile, guest experience manager Sean is scheduled to have his first Christmas off in ten years and is eager to get his new butler team ready for the big day, but will sickness wreck his plans? **See page 66.** Director Martha Delap; Producers Susie Wright and Rhia Douty Repeated Thursday 10.45pm (S) (AD) (HD)

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10.00 ITV News at Ten Weather; Regional News and Weather (S) (HD)

10.45 Peston

Robert Peston interviews MPs, topical guests and leading cultural figures on the late-night political magazine programme. Executive producer Mark Rubens, Rachel Corp and Geoff Hill Series editor Vicky Flind (S) (HD)

11.40 All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite

Hard-hitting action from the world of All Elite Wrestling featuring star fighters such as Jon Moxley, Chris Jericho and Bryan Danielson. Shown last Friday ITV4 (S) (HD)

1.25am Home Shopping (HD)
3.00 Cooking with the Stars The celebrities must take on the cuisine of India. (R) (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)
3.50 Unwind A sequence to calm the mind. (S) (HD)
5.05–6.00am The Cube Phillip Schofield presents the nerve-wracking game show. (R) (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

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+1 Freeview 35 **Freesat** 112 **Sky** 203 **Virgin** 114

Channel 4

4
7 in Wales

Waitrose at Christmas 8.00pm
Chef Will is part of the team tasked with cooking up festive delights



5.00pm Kirstie's Handmade Christmas
New series. 1/10. Kirstie Allsopp returns with more crafting contests and demonstrations, beginning with a cake-decorating competition. Repeated 7pm 4seven (S) (AD) (HD)

6.00 The Simpsons

All's Fair in Oven War. Marge cheats in a baking contest. James Caan guest-stars. (R) (S) (AD)

6.30 Hollyoaks

Honour frantically prepares for her family's arrival. Writer Rachel Hall Cast Tue/Thu Shown last Friday E4 Rptd tomorrow 6.30am E4 The next episode follows on E4 (S) (AD) (HD)

7.00 Channel 4 News Sport; Weather (S) (HD)

7.55 The Political Slot John Healey MP discusses the Labour Party's view on NATO. (S) (HD)

8.00 Waitrose at Christmas

RT The supermarket opens its doors as it prepares for the festive season. A team of chefs dreams up tempting recipes and there's a look at the technology behind its recyclable wrapping paper, as well as a peek at the making of this year's Christmas advert. **See page 66.** Director Mark Williams; Executive producers Gareth Collett and Matt Baker Repeated tomorrow 8pm 4seven (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 The Disappearance of April Jones
New series. 1/3. On 1 October 2012, five-year-old April Jones disappeared from outside her home in Machynlleth. This documentary charts the search as well as the challenges facing the police, lawyers and forensic scientists assigned to the case. The whole series will be available on All 4 after this episode. Continues tomorrow 9pm. Repeated Thursday 9pm 4seven (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 Undercover: Sexual Harassment – the Truth

Reporter Ellie Flynn goes under cover to expose the reality of sexual harassment perpetrated against women and girls in Britain today. Posing as a drunk reveller, she is followed, grabbed and even pursued all the way back to her hotel room. Director Alice McShane; Producers Alice McShane and Rosy Milner Repeated tomorrow 1.45am 4seven (S) (HD)

11.00 Moors Murders: the Trial

3/3. The re-examination of Britain's most infamous child murders concludes, as Myra Hindley's brother-in-law David Smith and journalist Clive Entwistle recall the trial in 1966. Series directors/producers Michael Attwell and Douglas Chirnside (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

12.05am Partisan Channel 4 premieres just the first episode of the second series of this Swedish crime thriller from Walter Presents, with the whole five-part series available on All 4 from Friday 9 December. A car containing a Jordnara community leader is set alight and pushed off a cliff. Swedish +subtitles. (HD)

Maud	Anna Björk	Sakarias	Andreas Kundler
Magnus	Thomas Holmin	Victor	Pelle Holmstrom
Richard	Linus Wahlgren	Susanne	Emelie Garbers

1.05 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA Helping a Mediterranean restaurant in California. (R) (S) (SL) (HD)
1.55 Celebrity Come Dine with Me Festive dinner parties featuring Daniella Westbrook, Louie Spence, Sinitta and Hugo Taylor. (R) (S) (SL) (HD)
2.50 Kirstie's Handmade Christmas Tips on how to have a stylish Christmas. Shown last Friday (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)
3.45 Grand Designs: House of the Year 4/4 Series 7 The winner is revealed. Shown last Wed (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)
4.40 Grand Designs An experiment to build an on-site manufactured timber house. (R) (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)
5.30 Drawers Off: the Big Naked Painting Challenge The artists attempt a second life drawing. (R) (S) (HD)
5.55–6.05am Kirstie's Handmade Christmas Kirstie Allsopp makes glittery baubles. (R) (S) (HD)

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BBC4

9
24 in Scotland

Quentin Blake: the Drawing of My Life 9.15pm
A self-portrait by the indefatigable illustrator



7.00pm Wild Scotland

Exploring Mull, Gordon Buchanan films otters, deer, seals and a minke whale. Director Roger Webb Series producer Wendy Darke (R) (S) (HD)

7.15 Christmas University Challenge

6/10. As the competition from 2021 continues, teams from Birkbeck, London and Portsmouth compete to secure a place in the semi-finals. Continues tomorrow 7pm. (R) (S) (HD)

7.45 Great Continental Railway Journeys

1/10. Michael Portillo embarks on an exploration of Spain, the land of his father. Next episode tomorrow 7.30pm. Director Anthony Holland; Executive producer John Comerford Repeated 1.15am (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

8.15 June Brown: a Walford Legend

RT In this programme from 2017, the actress famous for playing Dot Cotton is joined by other *EastEnders* cast members to share memories of her life and career. **See page 66.** Producer Matt Taylor; Executive producer Caroline Wright First shown on BBC1 (S) (AD) (HD)

8.45 EastEnders

In a memorable episode shown on 31 January 2008 – a monologue featuring June Brown – Dot makes a tough decision about her future with Jim. Writer Tony Jordan First shown on BBC1 (S) (AD)

9.15 Quentin Blake: the Drawing of My Life

The illustrator tells the story of his 70-year career in his own words – and with his own pictures. Extracts from some of the countless stories he has brought to life are read by Joanna Lumley, Peter Capaldi and Ore Oduba. Director Peter Sweasey; Executive producer Archie Baron Signed repeat tomorrow 2.05am First shown on BBC2 (S) (HD)

10.15 James May: My Sisters' Top Toys

The petrolhead and vintage toy enthusiast recalls the playthings that tainted his childhood as he lifts the lid on his sisters' toy box. While he tries to see the point of toys and games that he couldn't abide as a boy, Jane and Sarah dish the dirt on their brother. Director/Producer Claudine King-Dabbs First shown on BBC2 (S) (AD) (HD)

11.15 What We Were Watching Christmas 1991.

Grace Dent looks back on a dramatic *EastEnders* revelation and a Benny Hill retrospective. Producer Simon Catt; Series producer Simon Goretzki Signed repeat 2.45am (R) (S)

12.15am Painting the Holy Land 2/2 The role of Mary in the Bible. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
1.15 Great Continental Railway Journeys Shown 7.45pm (S) (AD) (HD)
1.45 Discovering... The Bridge on the River Kwai: Malcolm Arnold. The BBC Concert Orchestra performs the score to David Lean's 1957 film. Shown yesterday 12.30am (S) (HD)
2.45–3.45am What We Were Watching Shown 11.15pm (S) (SL)

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6.00am Dork Hunters from Outer Space (R)
6.30 Extreme Dinosaurs (R)
7.00 Roswell Conspiracies (R)
7.30 Legend of the Dragon (R)
8.00 Fairy Tales for You (R)
8.30 Skysurfer Strike Force (R)
9.00 My Greek Odyssey (R)
10.00 Top Tens of Warfare (R)
11.00 Floyd on France (R)
11.45 Secrets of London with Mark Monroe (R)
12 noon The World's Most Extraordinary Families (R)
1.00pm FILM: Where the River Runs Black ★★ Adventure starring Charles Durning (1986, PG)
2.50 FILM: The Raging Moon ★★ Romantic drama starring Malcolm McDowell (1970, PG)
5.00 For the Love of Ada: double bill (R)
6.00 London Live News
7.00 The Baron (R)
8.00 Plane Crash Re-created (R)
9.00 The Secret Agent: adaptation of Joseph Conrad's novel starring Toby Jones (R)
10.00 FILM: Assassin ★★ Thriller starring Danny Dyer (2014, 15)
11.40 FILM: Deceit ★★ Drama starring Michelle Pfeiffer (2017, 15)
1.40am FILM: How to Succeed in Business without Really Trying ★★ Musical comedy starring Robert Morse (1967, U)
4.05 London Districts: a short visual tour of the South Bank (R)
4.15–6.00 FILM: Blessed ★★ Drama starring James Nesbitt (2007, U)

Channel 5
listings are overleaf

MONDAY Freeview

Channel 5

5



Police: Night Shift 999 9.00pm PC Hewer is on the case in Gloucestershire

5.30am Milkshake! See page 72

9.15 New. Jeremy Vine (S) (HD)

12.30pm Bargain-Loving Brits in the Sun Wayne and Des put together their annual calendar. (S) (HD) **1.25 5 News** (S) (HD)

1.30 Christmas Lucky Charm ★★

P Romance starring Sugenda Sri. Each of Jessica's ex boyfriends has moved on and married. But when will it be her turn? Director Amy Force (2022) (S) (W) (HD)

3.15 Our Family Christmas Memories

P ★★ Comedy drama starring Sarah Power and Beau Bridges. Squabbling siblings try to re-create a family pasta sauce. Director Catherine Cyran (2022) (S) (W) (HD)

5.00pm 5 News (S) (HD)

6.00 Secrets of the Christmas Factory

A look at how staples of the festive season are made, such as Christmas trees, crackers, tinsel, Christmas jumpers and Christmas puddings. (S) (HD)

6.55 5 News Update (S) (HD)

7.00 Police Interceptors

Dan is involved in a high-speed pursuit, but a hit from his X5 is not enough to bring the Vauxhall Meriva to a stop.

Directors/Producers Rachael Davies, Mike Parmenter and James Warner (S) (HD)

7.55 5 News Update (S) (HD)

8.00 Motorway Cops: Catching Britain's Speeders

6/8 Series 1. A driver flees after a head-on collision between two cars, leaving his daughter and her boyfriend behind, while a good Samaritan watches his new car get destroyed. (S) (HD)

Followed by **5 News Update** (S) (HD)

9.00 New series. Police: Night Shift 999

1/8 Series 2. Gloucestershire Constabulary have seen a surge in residential thefts of expensive vehicles, and tonight proves no exception as two men are suspected of having stolen the keys to a high-value car. PC Hayes brings in a police search dog to sniff them out.

Directors Mark Stanton, Simon Bowyer and Greg Ashcroft (S) (HD)

10.00 Casualty 24/7: Every Second Counts

Doctors treat a two-year-old girl who has dangerously low blood-sugar levels, while an 88-year-old former merchant navy man is rushed in with heart and breathing problems. (S) (HD)

11.05 999: Critical Condition

Neurological registrar Bobby Sachdev needs to act quickly when a 17-year-old is rushed in after a mountain bike accident.

Directors/Producers Anna Keel, Beatrice Ní Bhroin and Ally Roberts (S) (HD)

12.05am Police Interceptors (S) (HD)

1.00 LIVE NFL: Monday Night Football: Arizona Cardinals v New England Patriots, the week 14 match at State Farm Stadium (kick-off **1.15am**) (S) (HD) **4.30 Entertainment News** (S) (HD) **4.40 House Doctor** (S) (SL)

5.10-5.35am Wildlife SOS (S) (SL)

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BBC3

23



Ghosts US 8.30pm Trevor recognises a former business associate

7.00pm I Can See Your Voice

7/8 Series 2. Paddy McGuinness hosts the mystery singing game show. With guest panellist Simon Webbe. **See choice, p46** Shown Saturday BBC1 (S) (HD)

8.00 Gavin & Stacey

3/6 Series 3. Pam and Mick are having second thoughts. A box set is on iPlayer. More tomorrow 8pm. (S) (AD) (HD)

8.30 New. Ghosts US

16/18. The secret about Trevor's missing pants is revealed. More Tue 8.30pm. (S) (HD)

8.55 New. The Catch Up (S) (HD)

9.00 New. FBoy Island

4/10 Series 2. A revealing game of Douche Tank leaves some of the guys high and dry. The whole of series 1 and 2 are on iPlayer. More tomorrow 9pm. (S) (HD)

9.45 Big Zuu's Christmas Eats

RT Ep 1. AJ Tracey, JME, Julie Adenuga and Loyle Carner chat around the dinner table, while Zuu serves Big Zuu Bissap, a V-Gang Gobi Christmas curry. More Friday 9pm. **See page 67.** (S) (AD) (HD)

10.30 Planet Sex with Cara Delevingne **2/6.** Cara parties at the biggest lesbian festival in the world. (S) (HD)

11.15 Gavin & Stacey As 8pm. (S) (HD)

11.45 It's What She Would Have Wanted A short comedy film. (S) (HD)

11.55-3.50am Bellator MMA Replay Another chance to see Bellator 283 at Emerald Queen Casino and Hotel in Tacoma, Washington. (S) (HD)

BBC3 F'view 23/HD 109 (not Scot/Wales) **F'sat** 179/HD 107 **Sky** 117 (173 London; 141 Scot) **Virgin** 107 (157 Scot/Wales)

ITV2

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6.00am Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records (S) (SL) (HD) **7.00** The Cabins (S) (HD)

8.00 Love Bites (S) (SL) (AD) (HD) **10.00** Dress to Impress: double bill (S) (HD)

12 noon Rolling in It (S) (AD) (HD) **1.00pm** Family Fortunes (S) (HD) **2.00** Supermarket Sweep (S) (HD) **3.05** One Tree Hill (S) (HD)

4.00 Chuck: double bill (S) (HD)

6.00pm Celebrity Catchphrase Stephen Mulhern welcomes Joe Lycett, Chizzy Akudolu and Nick Knowles. (S) (AD) (HD)

7.00 Dress to Impress Cookiie, Anastasiya and Loukiani choose outfits for Jani. (S) (HD)

8.00 Bob's Burgers Series 3. Bob inherits a storage unit from a relative. (S) (AD) (HD)

8.30 Series 4. The Belchers go off in search of a last-minute Christmas tree. (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 New. Family Guy Series 20. Stewie helps Chris prepare for his role in Adam West High's presentation of *Romeo and Juliet*. (S) (AD) (HD)

9.30 New. Brian is accused of ruining Mayor West's Nativity scene. (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 Family Guy Series 9. Stewie decides to take revenge on Father Christmas. (S) (AD) (HD)

10.35 Brian and Stewie encounter an exhausted Father Christmas. (S) (AD) (HD)

11.05 Family Guy Series 11. The Griffins are told that they have been selected to have their TV viewing habits monitored. (S) (AD) (HD)

11.30 American Dad! Series 16. Roger and Jeff open up their own strip club. (S) (AD) (HD)

12 midnight Series 15. Francine has a sexual dream about Jeff. (S) (AD) (HD)

12.30am The Stand Up Sketch Show (S) (HD)

1.30 The Emily Attack Show (S) (HD) **2.20** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records (S) (SL) (HD)

2.45-3.00am Unwind (S) (HD)

ITV2 Freeview 6 **Freesat** 113 **Sky** 118 **Virgin** 115/HD 176

+1 Freeview 29 **Freesat** 114 **Sky** 218 **Virgin** 116

ITV3

10



Ladies of Letters 12.10am Vera and Irene recall their meeting at a wedding

6.00am Classic Coronation Street (S) (AD)

7.00 Classic Emmerdale (S) **8.05** Man about the House (S) **9.10** The Darling Buds of May: **1/7 Series 1.** The Darling Buds of May 1/2. A tax inspector visits the Larkins; **10.25 2/7.** The Darling Buds of May 2/2. Charley's career hangs in the balance (S) (AD) (HD) **11.35** Heartbeat:

19/24. Joe and Rachel try to uncover a drug-smuggling ring; **12.35pm 20/24.** A debt collector tries to toughen up Geoff (S) (AD)

1.40pm Classic Emmerdale: double bill. Louise is sour with Terry, then Louise tells Terry she is thinking of going away (S) **2.50** Classic Coronation Street: double bill. Janice and Eileen struggle to come to terms with their loss; Geena comes clean to her mum (S) (AD)

3.50 A Touch of Frost: Series 5. Penny for the Guy. A kidnapper threatens to kill a boy (S) (AD)

6.00pm Heartbeat

21/24 Series 17. An explosion in the woods provides the link to a villain working out of a local quarry. (S) (AD)

7.00 22/24. A music manager is found dead after his wedding reception. (S) (AD)

8.00 Vera

4/4 Series 4. Death of a Family Man DCI Stanhope investigates the death of businessman John Shearwood, who was discovered floating in the water under the Gateshead Millennium Bridge. (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 Cracker

4/9 Series 2. The Big Crunch 1/3

Fitz encounters dark undercurrents in suburbia while investigating the disappearance of a teenage girl. (S) (AD)

11.00 5/9. The Big Crunch 2/3. Fitz's fears for Joanne prove justified. Robbie Coltrane, Ricky Tomlinson and Barbara Flynn star. Continues Tue 10pm. (S) (AD)

12.10am Ladies of Letters: **1/10 Series 1** Comedy starring Anne Reid and Maureen Lipman about two widows swapping recipes and sarcasm by post; **12.40 2/10.** The friends fall out over a widower; **1.10 3/10.** Vera upstages Irene at a dance; **1.40 4/10.** Vera discovers her daughter is pregnant. More tomorrow 12.15am (S) **2.10-2.30am** Unwind (S) (HD)

ITV3 Freeview 10 **Freesat** 115 **Sky** 119 **Virgin** 117/HD 177

+1 F'view 59 (9pm-4am) **F'sat** 116 **Sky** 219 **Virgin** 174

ITV4

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6.00am World of Sport (S) (HD) **6.10** Minder (S) (AD) **7.10** The Champions (S) **8.10** Magnum, PI (S) (AD) (HD) **9.10** The Professionals (S) (AD)

10.15 Minder (S) (AD) **11.20** The Protectors: Paul is kidnapped (S) **11.55** The Champions (S)

1.00pm Cadfael (S) (HD) **2.40** Magnum, PI: TC is arrested (S) (AD) (HD) **3.45** The Professionals (S) (AD) **4.50** Minder (S) (AD)

6.00pm Giant Lobster Hunters Squizzy enlists Bryce to learn the ropes. (S) (AD) (HD)

7.00 BattleBots Tombstone and Whiplash go head to head in the BattleBox. (S) (HD)

8.00 Junk and Disorderly Henry Cole, Allen Millyard and Guy Willison visit autojumbles in Stratford-upon-Avon and Enfield. (S) (HD)

9.00 FILM Rocky IV ★★ Boxing drama starring and written and directed by Sylvester Stallone. Rocky Balboa is challenged by crack Russian fighter Ivan Drago. But first, Drago has to prove himself against Rocky's former arch-rival Apollo Creed. (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

10.55 FILM The Purge: Election Year ★★ Futuristic thriller starring Frank Grillo and Elizabeth Mitchell. (S) (W) (HD)

1.10am Motorsport UK (S) (HD)

2.05-3.00am The Professionals (S) (AD)

ITV4 Freeview 26 **Freesat** 117 **Sky** 120 **Virgin** 118/HD 178

+1 Freeview 118 **Sky** 220 **Virgin** 175

Drama

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Last of the Summer Wine 6.40pm Howard spots an opportunity

7.05am 'Allo 'Allo! Rptd 6pm/12.20am (S) **7.35**

All Creatures Great and Small Rptd 4.20pm (S)

8.30 New Tricks Rptd 10pm (AD) **9.50** Classic Casualty: double bill. Elle tries to rally the troops, then Jac performs an operation (HD)

12 noon The Bill: Stamp and Knowles fall out

1.00pm Classic EastEnders: double bill. A birthday present for Zoe sends the Slaters into turmoil, then romance is in the air for Pauline **2.20** New Tricks: **1/10 Series 11.** An old friend asks Gerry to investigate the murder of his grandson; **3.20 2/10.** The team investigates the murder of a junior doctor (S) (AD) (HD) **4.20** All Creatures Great and Small: **10/12 Series 5. Female of the Species.** The new veterinary student arrives Shown 7.35am (S) **5.25** As Time Goes By: **4/10 Series 3** Jean initiates a cover-up Repeated 1am (S)

6.00pm 'Allo 'Allo!

2/7 Series 8. A Woman Never Lies Michelle blackmails Von Strohm and Gruber. Shown 7.05am Repeated 12.20am (S)

6.40 Last of the Summer Wine Series 28. **The Crowcroft Challenge** Howard sees the hidden potential of wearing an all-engulfing crow outfit. (S)

7.20 Must Be Good Dancer. Smiler takes up dancing to impress a woman. (S)

8.00 The Inspector Lynley Mysteries **5/5 Series 1. Missing Joseph.** The poisoning of a Lancashire vicar appears accidental, until Lynley and Havers delve into his past and find a sinister motive. (S)

10.00 New Tricks

1/10 Series 8. Old Fossils. The investigators re-examine the death of a palaeontologist in 2001 after the pathologist on the original inquiry is suspended. Shown 8.30am (AD)

11.00 Hustle

4/6 Series 3. A Bollywood Dream. The team targets a ruthless sweatshop owner.

12.20am as 6pm **1.00** as 5.25pm **1.35** Auf Wiedersehen, Pet: **4/6 Series 4.** The lads do a spot of moonlighting (S) **2.40-4.00am** A Place to Call Home: **11/13 Series 1** Elizabeth returns from hospital (S) (HD)

Drama Freeview 20 **Freesat** 158 **Sky** 143 **Virgin** 130

+1 Freeview 60 **Sky** 243 **Virgin** 226

ITVBe

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7.00am The Real Housewives of Cheshire: Ashley has a surprise (S) (AD) (HD) **8.00** Buying and Selling (S) (HD) **9.00** LittleBe (HD)

12 noon Best Cake Wins (S) (HD) **12.30pm** The Real Housewives of New Jersey (S) (HD)

1.30 The Real Housewives of Cheshire (S) (AD) (HD) **2.25** The Only Way Is Essex (S) (HD)

3.25 New. The Big Bake (S) (HD) **4.20 New.** The Real Housewives of Salt Lake City (S) (HD)

6.10pm FILM Christmas in the Wilds ★★ Romance starring Kaitlyn Leeb. (S) (W) (HD)

8.00 Dinner Date A woman from London chooses three festive blind dates. (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 New. Real Housewives: Christmas Cruising The Housewives arrive at their first stop in Mexico, but an argument between Hanna and Seema may ruin the mood. (S) (HD)

10.00 New. Love Island: Australia Relationship-based reality show. (S) (HD)

11.20 Botched: Most Outrageous Before and After Beverly Hills plastic surgeons Terry Dubrow and Paul Nassif review memorable cases. (S) (AD) (HD)

11.45 The Only Way Is Essex Dan returns to Essex and sets out to clear his name. (S) (HD)

12.50-1.00am Unwind (S) (HD)

ITVBe Freeview 28 **Freesat** 119 **Sky** 131 **Virgin** 119/HD 179

+1 Virgin 120 (Scotland 162)

More4

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Highclere: behind the Scenes

9.00pm Lord and Lady Carnarvon

8.55am Kirstie's Vintage Gems **9.15** A Place in the Sun **11.05** Find It, Fix It, Flog It (AD)

1.10pm Heir Hunters **3.10** Four in a Bed **5.55** Escape to the Château: DIY (AD)

6.55pm Escape to the Château Dick and Angel Strawbridge's to-do list is as long as ever, and with no guests, weddings or events at the château during lockdown, they use their skills to tackle some major projects. (AD)

7.55 Grand Designs A Royal Marine who was seriously injured in Afghanistan begins a project to build a specially adapted home on a budget of £250,000. (AD)

9.00 New. Highclere: behind the Scenes 3/5. The team prepare to host their first charity gala in three years in the castle's famous library, but staff shortages put them under pressure to deliver top-notch service. (AD)

10.00 Coastal Railways with Julie Walters The actress leaves Newcastle on a high-speed train to Edinburgh. She stops at the beautiful coastal town of Alnmouth and visits the disused station at Alnwick, where the "Keep Calm and Carry On" craze started, as well as the world's biggest gannet colony. (AD)

11.05 24 Hours in A&E Builder Frank, 63, is brought into St George's hospital in south-west London after falling from height while working on a construction site. (AD)

12.10am Eight out of Ten Cats Does Countdown: with Sean Lock, Isy Suttie and Richard Osman **1.15** Emergency Helicopter Medics (AD) **2.20** 24 Hours in A&E (AD) **3.25-3.50am** Food Unwrapped (AD)

More4 F'view 18 F'sat 124 Sky 136 Virgin 147/HD 195
+1 Freesat 125 Sky 236 Virgin 196

E4

13

6.00am Hollyoaks Shown last Thursday/Friday Channel 4 (AD) **7.00** Ramsay's Hotel Hell (AD) **8.00** Black-ish (AD) **9.00** How I Met Your Mother (AD) **10.00** The Big Bang Theory (AD) **11.00** The Goldbergs: double bill (AD)

12 noon Brooklyn Nine-Nine (AD) **1.00pm** The Big Bang Theory (AD) **3.00** The Goldbergs (AD) **4.00** Modern Family: two episodes **5.00** The Big Bang Theory (AD)

6.00pm The Big Bang Theory 5/24 Series 8 The girls have a weekend trip to Las Vegas. (AD)

6.30 6/24. Leonard and Penny turn to Howard and Bernadette for advice. (AD)

7.00 New. Hollyoaks Darren is jealous. Cast pp79/99 Repeated tomorrow 6.30pm C4 (AD)

7.30 The Big Bang Theory 18/24 Series 5 Sheldon becomes terrified of a haircut. (AD)

8.00 New. Modern Family 23/24 Series 3 Jay argues with Gloria over lunch.

8.30 New. 24/24. Mitchell and Cameron hope to adopt another child. Both eps first shown on Sky

9.00 New. Made in Chelsea Emily sets Yasmine up on a date with Harvey.

10.00 New. Celebs Go Dating Anna and Paul give Gary Lucy a difficult mission.

11.05 Gogglebox Opinions on TV shows. (AD)

12.05am Made in Chelsea (SL) **1.10** Celebs Go Dating **2.15 New.** Summer House **3.05** Below Deck (AD) **3.55** Ramsay's Hotel Hell (SL) (AD)

4.45-6.00am Brooklyn Nine-Nine (SL) (AD)

E4 Freeview 13 Freesat 122 Sky 135 Virgin 106/HD 145
+1 Freeview 30 Freesat 123 Sky 235 Virgin 146

E4 Extra Freeview 31 Freesat 181 Sky 138 Virgin 337

Really

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6.00am Fantasy Homes by the Sea **7.00** Home Shopping **8.00** Salvage Hunters **9.00** The Repair Shop **10.00** Antiques Road Trip **12 noon** Money for Nothing **1.00pm** The Hotel Inspector **2.00** Animal Cops Houston **4.00** Dr Jeff: Rocky Mountain Vet **5.00** Helicopter ER **6.00** The Repair Shop **7.00** Antiques Road Trip **9.00 New.** Celebrity Yorkshire Auction House **10.00** The Repair Shop **11.00** Ghost Adventures (AD) **12 midnight** A Haunting **1.00am** Ghost Adventures (AD) **2.00** Shopping **4.00-6.00am** Animal Cops Houston

Really Freeview 17 Freesat 160 Sky 142 Virgin 128

Sky Arts

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Anish Kapoor: Stupid Naughty Boy

9.15pm The sculptor heads to Venice

6.00am La Traviata **8.05** Reinventing the Orchestra with Charles Hazlewood **9.00** Tales of the Unexpected (AD) **10.00** Alfred Hitchcock Presents **11.00** Discovering: Maggie Smith

12 noon Marcel Duchamp: the Art of the Possible **1.00pm** Tales of the Unexpected (AD) **2.00** Vincent Van Gogh: a New Way of Seeing (AD) **3.00** Portrait Artist of the Year 2021 (AD) **4.00** Discovering: Ben Kingsley **5.00** Tales of the Unexpected (AD)

6.00pm Alfred Hitchcock Presents A murderer holds a married couple at gunpoint. **6.30** A returning soldier heads home.

7.00 André Rieu: Making the Magic The Dutch violinist performs for the first time in Bucharest and reveals the secrets behind his open-air concerts, from the construction of the stage to singing with the audience.

8.00 New. Darbar Festival Performances from the festival held in London celebrating the diversity of Indian classical music.

9.15 New. Anish Kapoor: Stupid Naughty Boy Waldemar Januszczak follows the sculptor as he prepares the installation of two ambitious shows during the Venice Biennale.

10.15 The Michelangelo Code: Secrets of the Sistine Chapel Art critic Waldemar Januszczak searches for the code hidden in the ceiling of the chapel.

12.30am Sade: Bring Me Home – Live 2011

3.00 The South Bank Show **4.00** Cheltenham Literature Festival **5.00** Glen Campbell: Music Icons **5.30-6.00am** Video Killed the Radio Star

Sky Arts Freeview 11 Freesat 147 Sky 130 Virgin 165/HD 140 BT 350/HD 365

4seven

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9.00am Four in a Bed **9.30** Come Dine with Me: from in and around Basingstoke

12 noon Kirstie's Handmade Christmas (AD) **1.00pm** Château DIY (AD) **2.00** A Place in the Sun: Home or Away **3.00** A Place in the Sun **4.00** Jamie's Cracking Christmas (AD) **5.00** Château DIY at Christmas (AD)

6.00pm A Place in the Sun A father and daughter search for a holiday home in inland Andalusia. Shown 4pm Channel 4

7.00 Kirstie's Handmade Christmas 1/10 Crafty festive tips, including cake decorating and using pine cones to make attractive Christmas characters. Shown 5pm C4 (AD)

8.00 Escape to the Château Ep 7 Series 9 Dick and Angel face a tricky design problem as they try to realise their dream of creating a winter garden room. Shown Sun 8pm C4 (AD)

9.00 Gogglebox Ep 14. The amateur critics share their thoughts on the week's telly. (AD)

10.00 Ep 13. Opinions on recent TV. (AD)

11.05 The Disappearance of April Jones 1/3. The story of the investigation into the five-year-old's disappearance, starting with the events of the day in October 2012 when April went missing. Shown 9pm Channel 4 (AD)

12.10am Gogglebox Festive Special (AD) **1.40** Gogglebox (AD) **2.45-4.50am** I Am Ruth (AD)

4seven F'view 49 F'sat 127 Sky 137 Virgin 143/HD 193

Quest

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6.00am How Do They Do It? **6.25** Find It, Fix It, Flog It **7.10** The Repair Shop **8.00** American Pickers **10.00** Chasing Classic Cars **11.00** Fifth Gear **12 noon** Massive Engineering Mistakes **1.00pm** Money for Nothing **2.00** The Repair Shop **3.00** Find It, Fix It, Flog It **4.00** Salvage Hunters **5.00** Salvage Hunters: the Restorers **6.00** Wheeler Dealers (AD) **7.00** Aussie Gold Hunters **8.00** Salvage Hunters **9.00 New.** Aussie Gold Hunters: Mine SOS **10.00** Deadliest Catch: Dungeon Cove **11.00** How Do They Do It? **12 midnight** Wheeler Dealers **1.00am** Chasing Classic Cars **2.00** Salvage Hunters: Classic Cars **3.00** Overhaulin' **4.00-5.00am New.** Snooker: English Open

Quest Freeview 12 Freesat 172/HD 167 Sky 144 Virgin 169
+1 Freeview 70 Freesat 168 Sky 244 Virgin 213

Yesterday

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Abandoned Engineering 7.00pm

Structures near Hadrian's Wall

6.00am Impossible Engineering (AD) **8.00** Top Gear (AD) **9.00** The World at War **10.00** War Factories **11.00** Great British Railway Journeys

12 noon Bangers and Cash: Restoring Classics (AD) **1.00pm** Bangers and Cash **2.00** Great British Railway Journeys **4.00** The World at War **5.00** War Factories

6.00pm WW2: Battles for Europe The British and Canadians who fought the Germans to capture the city of Caen.

7.00 Abandoned Engineering A complex of stone buildings near Hadrian's Wall that were built to keep Northern hordes at bay. (AD)

8.00 The remains of a correctional facility in Atlanta, remnants of fraud in Argentina and an ancient complex in Cambodia. (AD)

9.00 Bangers and Cash A rare Honda S800 sports car from 1967 takes Derek's fancy, and a couple of very different Ford Capris with long histories go head to head at the auction.

10.00 The team struggles to explain how a DAF 33 gearbox works, and Sarah attempts to bring order to the auto memorabilia sale.

11.00 Abandoned Engineering A route once used by the French Resistance. (AD)

12 midnight Top Gear (AD)

1.00-3.00am Impossible Engineering (AD)

Yesterday Freeview 27 Freesat 159 Sky 155 Virgin 129
+1 Freeview 75 Sky 255 Virgin 217

Dave

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7.10am Yianni: Supercar Customiser (AD) **8.00** Border Force: America's Gatekeepers (AD) **10.00** Travel Man: 48 Hours in Porto (AD) **10.30** Travel Man: 48 Hours in Tallinn (AD) **11.00** World's Most Dangerous Roads

12 noon Cops on the Rock (AD) **2.00pm** Top Gear (AD) **3.00** Rick Stein's Long Weekends: a break in Lisbon (AD) **4.00** Top Gear (AD)

6.00pm QI XL Sandi Toksvig's debut as host. **7.00 Richard Osman's House of Games** With Maggie Aderin-Pocock, the Rev Richard Coles, Stuart Maconie and Lou Sanders.

7.40 QI XL Matt Lucas, Jerry Springer and Cariad Lloyd contemplate the theme "noodles".

8.20 Would I Lie to You? With guests Claudia Winkleman, the Rev Kate Bottley, Sara Barron and Ed Gamble.

9.00 QI XL An extended edition, with Sarah Millican, Eddie Kadi and Noel Fielding.

10.00 Jo Brand, Bill Bailey, James Acaster and Alan Davies answer Stephen Fry's questions.

11.00 Outsiders 4/6 Series 2. A knots challenge tests the Outsiders' skills. (AD)

12 midnight Mock the Week: double bill

1.20am Alan Davies: As Yet Untitled

2.25 QI XL 2.55 Comedians Giving Lectures

3.30-4.00am Richard Osman's House of Games

Dave F'view 19 F'sat 157 Sky 111 (Wales 112) Virgin HD 127
Dave Ja Vu Freeview 74 Sky 211 (Wales 212) Virgin 131

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6.10am Inside the Ambulance **7.00** as 11am **8.00** Tipping Point **10.00** Tipping Point: Lucky Stars **11.00** DIY SOS: the Big Build **12 noon** Inside the Ambulance **2.00pm** Tipping Point **4.00** DIY SOS: the Big Build **5.00** My Family

7.00pm MasterChef USA Cooking for race crew members at Irwindale Speedway.

8.00 Nurses on the Ward Nurse Mahbuba deals with a baby who can't breathe. (AD)

9.00 DIY SOS: the Big Build The builders transform a couple's home in Sunderland.

10.00 24 Hours in A&E A cyclist is rushed to A&E after he "bullseyed" a car's rear window.

11.00 Ski A&E The work of rescue and medical teams in a ski resort in the French Alps.

12 midnight One Born Every Minute: an anxious first-time mum **1.00am** Inside the Ambulance at Christmas **2.00-3.00am** Brainboxes

W Freeview 25 Freesat 156 Sky 132 Virgin HD 125
+1 Sky 232 Virgin 190

5 USA

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9.00am Entertainment News **9.05** NCIS (AD) **12 noon** Law & Order (AD) **3.55pm** Entertainment News **4.00** Law & Order **6.00** NCIS: triple bill. *Series 16.* The team searches for Vance **7.00** A lieutenant's body is found in his hot tub **8.00** An explosion occurs outside the home of a navy petty officer (AD) **9.00** **New.** The Blacklist *Series 2.* Red targets a cult leader First shown on Sky Witness **10.00** Law & Order: Special Victims Unit: double bill. *Series 16* A Hollywood starlet is accused of statutory rape, then a man with a vendetta against women seeks revenge **11.55** Criminal Minds **2.50am** Law & Order: Criminal Intent **3.35-4.00am** Criminals: Caught on Camera

5 USA Freeview 21 Freesat 129 Sky 141 Virgin 153
+1 Freesat 130 Sky 241 Virgin 185

5 Star

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8.00am Entertainment News **8.10** Rich Kids Go Skint **9.00** Dogs Behaving (Very) Badly **10.00** Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords **11.00** Shoplifters and Scammers: at War with the Law

12 noon Entertainment News **12.05pm** Traffic Cops **2.05** Police Interceptors

5.10pm FILM Boyfriends of Christmas Past ★★ Romantic comedy starring Catherine Haena Kim and Raymond Ablack.

7.00 GPs: behind Closed Doors A look at what makes a great GP.

8.00 Ambulance: Code Red Fay Pollock is dispatched to a motorbike crash.

9.00 999: Critical Condition A man suffers his second heart attack in two weeks.

10.00 Police: Hour of Duty A man claims his housemate is threatening to kill him.

11.00 Skin A&E The specialist clinic opens its doors to patients with acne and cysts.

12 midnight 999: Emergency Callout

1.00am Hoarders: No Room to Move **2.00** Wanted **3.00** Dirty John: Betty Broderick **3.50-4.00am** Entertainment News

5 Star Freeview 32 Freesat 131 Sky 128 Virgin 151
+1 Freesat 141 Sky 228 Virgin 186

5 Action

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9.00am Entertainment News **9.15** Trucking Hell **10.15** Traffic Cops **11.15** Police Interceptors

12.20pm FILM The Man behind the Gun ★★ Western. **Review p73** **2.05 FILM** The 7th Voyage of Sinbad ★★★★★ Fantasy adventure

4.00 Trucking Hell **5.00** Traffic Cops **6.00pm Police Interceptors** A driver reverses his car into a pursuing police vehicle.

7.00 Trucking Hell A construction machine causes problems on the North York Moors.

8.00 Police Interceptors A car thief in Wakefield rams his way out of a petrol station.

9.00 FILM Enter the Dragon ★★★★★ Classic martial arts adventure starring Bruce Lee. A master of martial arts is enlisted by British intelligence to help put an end to the traffic in opium and prostitutes organised fby a criminal mastermind. **Review page 73.**

11.10 FILM The Punisher ★★★★★ Action crime thriller based on the Marvel comic, starring Tom Jane, John Travolta, Will Patton and Rebecca Romijn-Stamos.

1.35am Lucifer **2.35** Professionals

3.20 Wanted **4.10-5.00am** World's Deadliest Weather: Caught on Camera

5 Action F'view 33 F'sat 132 Sky 150 Virgin 187/HD 150

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9.00am The Yorkshire Vet (AD) **9.25 FILM** A Christmas Village ★★ **11.10 FILM** Grounded for Christmas ★★ **1.00pm** GPs: behind Closed Doors **3.00** Classic Cash in the Attic **4.00** Cash in the Attic **5.00** Classic Cash in the Attic **6.00pm World's Most Scenic River Journeys** Canada's far northern reaches.

7.00 A Wartime Christmas What it was like to celebrate Christmas during the 1940s.

8.00 The Stuarts: a Bloody Reign Charting the downfall of the Wynn family.

9.00 Britain's Bloody Crown Dan Jones tells the story of the Wars of the Roses.

11.00 Forged in Fire The Shamshir.

12 midnight The legendary charay sword.

12.55am Heatwave: Summer of '76 **2.30** Iceland with Alexander Armstrong **3.25** Around the World by Train with Tony Robinson

3.50-4.00am Entertainment News

5 Select F'view (HD only) 56 F'sat 133 Sky 153 Virgin 152

FREEVIEW TV and film channels continue overleaf

MONDAY Freeview & films

PBS America 84



Putin's Attack on Ukraine

9.05pm The pursuit of justice

8.00am Beautiful Serengeti **8.35** First Britons (S) **9.45** Pandemic: the Flu That Killed 50 Million **11.00** Apache Warrior **1.00pm** 1st to Fight: Pacific War Marines **2.05** Back to Chernobyl **3.20** First Britons (S) **4.25** Pandemic: the Flu That Killed 50 Million **5.40** 1st to Fight: Pacific War Marines

6.50pm First Britons Reassessing the culture and origins of Britain's very first natives. (S)

7.55 Pandemic: the Flu That Killed 50 Million Docu-drama about the 1918 Flu pandemic, which killed more than 50 million people.

9.05 Putin's Attack on Ukraine: Documenting War Crimes Frontline and the Associated Press go inside Putin's invasion of Ukraine. **See page 67.**

10.50 Back to Chernobyl Life in the area close to the Chernobyl nuclear disaster, 35 years on.

12 midnight 1st to Fight: Pacific War Marines **1.15-2.00am** Beautiful Serengeti

PBS America F'view 84 (1pm-12 midnight only) Freesat 155 Sky 174 Virgin 273

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7.00am Border Security: America's Front Line **8.00** Motorway Patrol (AD) **9.00** Police Ten **7 10.00** Nothing to Declare (AD) **11.00** Highway Patrol **12 noon** Highway Cops (AD) **1.00pm** Border Patrol **2.00** Border Security: America's Front Line **3.00** Nothing to Declare **4.00** Star Trek: the Next Generation **5.00** Star Trek: Enterprise **6.00** Star Trek: Deep Space Nine **7.00** Hawaii Five-O: a plane that crashed into the Pacific in the 1980s is found **8.00** Nothing to Declare **9.00 New.** How I Caught the Killer: lifting the lid on police investigations into murder cases (AD) **11.00** World's Most Evil Killers (AD) **12 midnight** Britain's Most Evil Killers: the story of 27-year-old Pawel Relowicz **1.00am** Caribbean Cops (AD) **2.00** Nothing to Declare **3.00** Border Patrol **4.00** Motorway Patrol **5.00-6.00am** Police Ten 7

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HGTV 44

7.00am Escape to the Country (AD) **8.00** The Restoration Man **9.00** A Place in the Sun: Home or Away **10.00** Homes under the Hammer **11.00** Escape to the Country **12 noon** My Lottery Dream Home International **1.00pm** Married to Real Estate **2.00** Kendra Sells Hollywood **3.00** The Restoration Man **4.00** Home Town **5.00** Homes under the Hammer **6.00** A Place in the Sun: Home or Away **7.00** Escape to the Country **8.00 New.** My Dream Derelict Home in the Sun **9.00 New.** For the Love of Kitchens **10.00** Bargain Block (AD) **11.00** Married to Real Estate **12 midnight** as 7pm **1.00am** as 5pm **2.00** as 4pm **3.00-4.00am** as 12 noon

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FREEVIEW channels continued from overleaf

Smithsonian 57



Food Factories: How They Work

9.00pm Gregg Wallace

6.00am Aerial America (HD) **10.00** America's Civil War 360 (HD) **1.00pm** America's Hidden Stories (HD)

6.00pm America's Hidden Stories 6/6 Series 2. George Washington's first love. (HD)

7.00 Inside the Christmas Factory How mince pies, tinsel and wrapping paper are made. (HD)

8.00 New. Aerial Argentina Ep 2. A look at the richness of the Argentinian landscape, from the capital city of Buenos Aires to the mountaintops of Patagonia.

9.00 Food Factories: How They Work 4/4. The processes used to manufacture family meals. (HD)

10.00 Inside the Christmas Factory The manufacture of festive favourites – Christmas cakes, marzipan and sprouts. (HD)

11.00 Aerial Argentina As 8pm.

12 midnight Food Factories: How They Work (HD) **1.00am** Air Warriors (HD) **3.00-6.00am** Aerial America (HD)

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Great TV 50

6.00am Sue Thomas: F.B.Eye **8.00** Highway to Heaven **10.00** Movie News **10.10 FILM** A Perfect Christmas ★★ Romantic fantasy **11.50** Movie News **12 noon** Castle **1.00pm** Body of Proof **3.00** Sue Thomas: F.B.Eye **5.00** Murder, She Wrote: double bill **7.00** M*A*S*H **9.00** Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased) **10.00** The Persuaders! **11.00** Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? **12 midnight** M*A*S*H: four editions **2.00am** Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased) **3.00** Sue Thomas: F.B.Eye **4.30-6.00am** Highway to Heaven

Great TV Freeview 50 (limited) Freesat 142 Sky 157 Virgin 189 +1 Freesat 143 Sky 257

RealityXtra 68

9.00am Perry Mason **11.00** Matlock **12 noon** NCIS **1.00pm** JAG **3.00** Perry Mason **5.00** Unsolved Mysteries **6.55** Judge Judy **9.00** NCIS: McGee and Abby hunt cyber-terrorists responsible for a city-wide internet outage **10.00** Unsolved Mysteries: double bill. A family that suffered many young deaths, then the murderer Stephen Leslie Wilson **11.55** Judge Judy **2.00am** NCIS **3.00** Evidence of Evil **5.00-6.00am** Matlock

RealityXtra Freeview 68 Freesat 134 Sky 147 Virgin 197

BBC Parliament 232

6.00am Westminster Hall **10.00** Prime Minister's Questions **10.35** Scottish First Minister's Questions **11.35** Welsh First Minister's Questions: queries in the Senedd **12.35pm** House of Commons: debate from the chamber **2.00** Lords Questions **2.30** Live Defence Questions **3.30** Live House of Commons **11.00** Lords Questions: recorded coverage **11.40-7.00am** House of Lords: recorded coverage

BBC Parliament Freeview 232 Freesat 201 Sky 504 Virgin 605

Food Network 43



Cake Wars Christmas: Santa's Makeover

11.00pm

6.00am Santa's Baking Blizzard (HD) **7.00** The Great Food Truck Race (HD) **8.00** James Martin: Home Comforts at Christmas (S) (AD) (HD) **9.00** Gordon's Ultimate Seasonal Specials (S) (HD) **10.00** The Pioneer Woman (S) (HD) **10.30** Barefoot Contessa (HD) **11.00** River Cottage Christmas Special (HD) **12 noon** Jamie's Christmas with Bells On (S) (AD) (HD) **1.00pm** as 6pm **2.00** James Martin: Home Comforts at Christmas (S) (AD) (HD) **3.00** Gordon's Ultimate Seasonal Specials (S) (HD) **4.00** River Cottage Christmas Special (HD) **5.00** The Pioneer Woman (S) (HD) **5.30** Barefoot Contessa (HD) **6.00pm** Mary Berry's Christmas Party (S) (HD) **7.00** Jamie's Christmas with Bells On (S) (AD) (HD) **8.00** James Martin: Home Comforts at Christmas (S) (AD) (HD) **9.00** Gordon's Ultimate Seasonal Specials (S) (HD) **10.00** as 6pm **11.00 New.** Cake Wars Christmas: Santa's Makeover (HD) **12 midnight** River Cottage Christmas Special (HD) **1.00am** Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives: double bill (S) (HD) **2.00-3.00am** Michel Roux's French Country Cooking (S) (AD) (HD)

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Blaze 64

6.00am Hardcore Pawn **7.45** Storm Stories **8.40** Ancient Aliens **10.40** Storage Wars Canada **11.10** Storage Wars **12.10pm** Pawn Stars **2.05** Hardcore Pawn **4.00** Ancient Aliens **6.00** Storm Stories **7.00** Auction Hunters: Pawn Shop Edition **8.00** Dickinson's Real Deal: David Dickinson helps people in Northampton sort their treasures from their trash **9.00 New.** The Curse of Oak Island: the wait is over and the team members begin their biggest, most strategic drilling project yet **10.00** Cities of the Underworld: double bill. The secrets of Portland's history of vice, then the secrets buried beneath modern-day cities **12 midnight** Ancient X Files **1.00am** Pirate Traders **2.00** Auction Hunters: double bill **3.00** Dickinson's Real Deal **3.45** Storage Wars Canada **4.10-6.00am** Pawn Stars

Blaze F'view 64 F'sat 162 Sky 164 Virgin 199

Challenge 48

7.00am The Chase **10.00** Supermarket Sweep **11.00** Family Fortunes **12 noon** Wheel of Fortune (AD) **1.00pm** Catchphrase (AD) **2.00** Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? **3.00** Family Fortunes (AD) **4.00** Bruce's Price Is Right (AD) **5.00** Bullseye **6.00** Cash Trapped: hosted by Bradley Walsh **7.00** Pointless Celebrities: music stars Fish and Barbara Dickson, Nick Heyward and Toyah Willcox, Heather Small and Mari Wilson, and Jessica Taylor and Kelli Young aim to hit the low notes. Hosted by Alexander Armstrong and Richard Osman **8.00** The Chase: double bill **10.00** Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? **11.00** Bullseye: double bill of the darts-based quiz **12 midnight** The Chase **4.00am** Scrapheap Challenge: two teams battle to construct the best super-fast tria **5.00-6.00am** Bullseye

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CHILDREN'S

Milkshake! on C5

5.40am Fireman Sam **5.50** Pip and Posy **6.00** Peppa Pig **6.10** Secret Life of Puppies **6.15** Oggy Oggy **6.25** Blue's Clues & You **6.45** Fireman Sam **6.55** Thomas & Friends **7.10** Peppa Pig **7.30** Paw Patrol **7.50** Milo **8.05** Pip and Posy **8.15** Paddington **8.30** Paw Patrol **8.45 New.** Daisy & Ollie **8.55** Odo **9.05** Sunny Bunnies **9.10-9.15am** **New series.** Let's Go Treasure Seeking! Full listings for Channel 5 are on p70

CBeebies 202

6.00am Raa Raa the Noisy Lion **6.10** Bing **6.20** Teletubbies **6.35** Tee and Mo **6.40** Tish Tash **6.45** Chuggington **6.55** Bing **7.05** Hey Duggee **7.20** Bluey **7.35** Go Jetters **7.50** Peter Rabbit **8.00** Octonauts **8.25** Hey Duggee **8.30** Alphablocks **8.35** Justin's House **9.00** Bing **9.10** Yakka Dee! **9.15** Messy Goes to OKIDO **9.25** Colourblocks **9.30** Twirlywoos **9.45** Something Special **10.05** Teletubbies **10.20** Baby Club **10.35** Tiny Wonders **10.40** Hey Duggee **10.45** Roots and Fruits **10.50** Kiri & Lou **11.00** Olga Da Polga **11.10** Let's Go for a Walk **11.25** School of Roars **11.30** Teeny Tiny Creatures **11.45** Our Family **12 noon** My World Kitchen **12.10pm** Andy's Adventures **12.25** Waffle the Wonder Dog **12.35** Tee and Mo **12.45** Go Jetters **1.00** Yakka Dee! **1.05** Numberblocks **1.10** Alphablocks **1.15** Dog Loves Books **1.25** Hey Duggee **1.30** Love Monster **1.40** Nick Cope's Popcast **1.45** Something Special **2.05** My Petsaurus **2.05** Teletubbies **2.20** Bluey **2.30** Go Jetters **2.40** My Petsaurus **2.40** Ranger Hamza's Eco Quest **2.55** Grace's Machines **3.10** Swashbuckle **3.35** Hey Duggee **3.45** Teeny Tiny Creatures **4.00** Dog Squad **4.10** Go Jetters **4.20** Bluey **4.35** Supertato **4.45** Spidey and Friends **5.00 New series.** Biff and Chip **5.10** Tish Tash **5.20** Woolly & Tig **5.30** Topsy and Tim's Christmas Eve **5.45** Moon and Me **6.10pm** Clangers **6.20** In the Night Garden... **6.50-7.00pm** Bedtime Stories

CBeebies F'view 202 F'sat 608 Sky 608 Virgin 702

CBBC 201

7.00am Shaun the Sheep **7.05** Sketchy Comedy **7.10** Danger Mouse **7.20** Dennis & Gnasher **7.35** Boy Girl Dog Cat Mouse Cheese **7.45 New.** Newsround **7.55** Ninja Express **8.10** Odd Squad **8.25** Do Try This at Home **8.35** Gym Stars **9.00** The Next Step **9.20** Deadly 60 **9.50** Nine Minute Ninja **10.00** Horrible Histories **10.30** Operation Ouch 5!; Our CBBC **11.00** Bitesize Daily **11.20** Wow That's Amazing **11.35** One Zoo Three **12 noon** Our School **12.20pm** Dragons: Riders of Berk **12.40** Boy Girl Dog Cat Mouse Cheese **12.55** Shaun the Sheep **1.00** The Next Step **1.45** Theodosia **2.10** Scream Street **2.30** 4 o'Clock Club **3.00** Odd Tubes **3.05** Clipheads **3.20 New.** Best In The World **3.35** Dennis & Gnasher **3.45** Danger Mouse **4.00** Boy Girl Dog Cat Mouse Cheese **4.10** Odd Squad **4.25 New.** Monster Loving Maniacs **4.40 New.** Dragons **5.00 New.** We Bare Bears **5.15 New.** Summer Camp Island **5.30** 4 o'Clock Club **6.00** So Awkward **6.30** Secret Life of Boys **6.35-7.00pm New.** The Next Step

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CITV

6.00am Shaggy & Scooby-Doo **6.25** Dare Master **6.30** Thunderbirds **7.00** Mr Magoo **7.30** Lloyd of the Flies **7.45** The Rubbish World of Dave Spud **8.00** Inspector Gadget **8.15** Dorg Van Dango **8.30** Scooby-Doo **9.50** The Rubbish World of Dave Spud **10.00** Teen Titans Go! **10.30** DC Super Hero Girls **11.00** Mr Bean **11.30** Mr Magoo **12 noon** Mighty Mike **12.35pm** Makeaway Takeaway **1.00** How **1.30** Spy School **1.55** Tata and Kuma **2.00** Robozuna **2.30** Thunderbirds **2.55** Tata and Kuma **3.00** Captain Underpants **3.30** Scooby-Doo **4.30 New.** Mr Magoo **5.00** Lloyd of the Flies **5.15** The Rubbish World of Dave Spud **5.30** Inspector Gadget **5.45** Dorg Van Dango **6.00** Makeaway Takeaway **6.30** Teen Titans Go! **7.00** Jurassic World Camp Cretaceous **7.30** Scooby-Doo **8.00** How **8.25** Mr Bean **8.55-9.00pm** Dare Master @Home

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FILMS

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11.00am Hobson's Choice ★★★★★ Charles Laughton is superb as a drunken cobbler whose easy life is threatened when his eldest daughter marries his meek assistant in this classic comedy. (1953, U) (S) (AD)

1.10pm Kansas Raiders ★★ Audie Murphy is well cast as a teenage Jesse James in this reliable western. Brian Donlevy (1950) (S)

2.50 Thunderbirds Are Go! ★★★★★ Lively spin-off from Gerry Anderson's popular puppet sci-fi adventure TV series. **Review, right.** Peter Dyneley, Shane Rimmer (1966, U) (S)

4.40 Star Trek V: the Final Frontier ★★ A messianic figure holds a distant planet hostage in this enjoyable sci-fi adventure. William Shatner, Leonard Nimoy (1989, PG) (S) (AD)

6.50pm Star Trek VI: the Undiscovered Country ★★★★★ Outstanding sci-fi adventure in which peace talks with the Klingons are threatened. **Review, right.** William Shatner (1991, PG) (S) (AD)

9.00 John Wick: Chapter 3 – Parabellum ★★★★★ Keanu Reeves becomes the target of a bounty hunt in this endearingly violent sequel. Halle Berry (2019, 15) (S) (AD)

11.35 Punisher: War Zone ★★ This simplistic slice of violent escapism is watchable on a trashy level. Ray Stevenson (2008, 18) (S)

1.40-3.35am Happy Death Day ★★★★★ Gleeful horror fantasy. Jessica Rothe, Israel Broussard (2017, 15) (S) (AD)

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6.00am Get Some In! British TV sitcom. **6.30 Turn of the Tide** ★★★★★ Realistic drama that follows sparring families in a Yorkshire fishing village. J Fisher White, Geraldine Fitzgerald (1935, U) (S) **8.05 Tiger by the Tail** ★ Low-budget thriller. Larry Parks (1955, PG) (S) **9.45 A Question of Suspense** ★★ Brisk, noirish British crime flick. Peter Reynolds, Noelle Middleton (1961) (S) **11.00 Forever and a Day** ★★★★★ Ambitious and incredibly sentimental period drama with an all-star cast, charting the fortunes of a London mansion from 1804 up to the Blitz. Anna Neagle, Ray Milland, Claude Rains (1943, U) (S) **1.10pm Passport to Treason** ★ Dire British mystery. Rod Cameron, Lois Maxwell (1956, U) (S) **2.45 Dry Rot** ★★ Plodding dramatisation of John Chapman's West End comedy. Ronald Shiner, Brian Rix (1956, U) (S)

4.30 The Spaniard's Curse ★★ An innocent man is sentenced to be hanged. Tony Wright, Lee Patterson (1958, U) (S)

6.00pm The Footage Detectives Archive clips of 1960s Liverpool. (S)

7.00 In Suspicious Circumstances TV series. (S)

8.00 The Main Chance TV drama. **9.00 Murder by Contract** ★★★★★ Vince Edwards's hitman is put in the line of fire in this absorbing thriller. **Review, right.** (1958) (S)

10.35 Blue Pullman Documentary. **11.00 Secret Army** TV drama. (S)

12.05am The Last Hard Men ★ Repellent revenge western. Charlton Heston, James Coburn (1976) (S) **2.00 Backfire** ★★ Karen Allen and Keith Carradine lift this otherwise predictable thriller. (1987, 18) **3.50 Dick Powell's Zane Grey Theatre** TV anthology series. **4.50-6.00am The Edgar Wallace Mystery Theatre** British mystery series.

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FILM REVIEWS



FILM OF THE DAY

Suburbicon ★★★★★

11.15pm-12.55am **BBC2** (not in N Ireland)

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BLACK COMEDY The Coen brothers may have written the lean, mean script, but director George Clooney provides the human heart of this seemingly kitsch but really quite venomous satire. In the 1950s town of Suburbicon, a tale of treachery unfolds as Matt Damon plots to kill his wife (Julianne Moore), while the middle-class idyll is shattered by the arrival of a respectable African-American family. The escalating race riot gives Clooney's film bite and topicality, reflecting white America's obsession with maintaining its own privilege. **DAMON WISE** (US 2017, violence, swearing, a sex scene, HD)

The Man behind the Gun ★★

12.20-2.05pm

5 Action

U

WESTERN Set in California on the eve of the Civil War, this convoluted adventure sees government agent Randolph Scott arriving in town to investigate a conspiracy. He's soon feuding with testy army captain Philip Carey and colluding with a Mexican gunrunner to expose the plotting of the local elite. The script is mediocre, but Bert Glennon's Technicolor cinematography is a treat. **DAVID PARKINSON** (US 1953)

Thunderbirds Are Go! ★★★★★

2.50-4.40pm

Film4

U

ADVENTURE This big-screen spin-off from the popular TV show is briskly directed by series regular David Lane. International Rescue is hired to oversee the launch of a manned mission to Mars, but their arch enemy the Hood is waiting in the wings. As ever, the model work is superb, but the novelty wears thin here at feature length. **ROBERT SELLERS** (UK/US 1966, HD)

The Pursuit of Happyness ★★★★★

6.40-9.00pm

Great Movies

12

DRAMA Will Smith reins in his customary exuberance

what makes hitman Vince Edwards tick. Ostensibly he wants more cash on discovering that his next target is female, but really he begins to ruminate on himself and his ambitions. Stunningly directed by Irving Lerner and cleverly produced for peanuts, this is an original and absorbing work. **TONY SLOMAN** (US 1958, BW)

Enter the Dragon ★★★★★

9.00-11.10pm **5 Action**

18

MARTIAL ARTS Bruce Lee is at his balletic best in this kung fu classic. He plays a secret agent who takes part in a brutal martial arts tournament in order to smash an opium ring and white slavery racket run by hissable villain Kien Shih. It's clear from this genre milestone why the Lee legend lives on. **DP** (US 1973, violence, swearing, drug abuse, nudity)

Maniac ★★★★★

11.00pm-12.50am **Legend**

18

HORROR While not as sleazy as the 1980 original, director Franck Khalfoun's update treads the same lurid path. Elijah Wood plays the psycho who vents his rage on the women of LA – not that you see him much, because the stalking is done from his point of view. Khalfoun rises to the technical challenge this presents, and his ingenious touches help offset the film's seedy atmosphere. **AJ** (Fr/US 2012, violence, swearing, sex scenes, nudity, drug abuse)

Sky Cinema picks

In the Heights ★★★★★

10.50am-1.20pm **Sky Hits**
Effervescent musical. (2020, PG)
Sky 310, Virgin 403, BT 503/517

The Importance of Being Earnest ★★★★★

6.10-8.00pm **Sky Cinema Comedy**
Colin Firth stars in this take on Oscar Wilde's classic. (2002, U)
Sky 308; Virgin 408; BT 508/522

The Crow ★★★★★

9.45-11.30pm
Sky Cinema Sci-Fi/Horror
A rock musician returns from the dead for revenge. (1994, 18)
Sky 311; Virgin 411; BT 511/525

@zola ★★★★★ 10.00-11.30pm **Sky Best of 2022**
Striking black comedy. (2020, 18)
Sky 302, Virgin 402, BT 502/516

Films to stream from p36
Netflix, Amazon, Disney+ and more

Sky Premiere

6.45am The Cinema List: Sports Films **7.00 Poker Face** ★★ Solid thriller. Russell Crowe (2022) **9.00 Prancer: a Christmas Tale** ★★ Warm-hearted family drama. (2022) **10.50 A Christmas Story Christmas** ★★ Sequel to the 1983 festive classic *A Christmas Story*. (2022) **12.35pm The Nan Movie** As 8pm **2.15 This Is Christmas** ★★★★★ Feel-good British festive romcom. Alfred Enoch (2022) **3.55 Together Together** ★★★★★ Bittersweet romcom. Ed Helms, Patti Harrison (2021, 15) **5.40 The Northman** ★★★★★ Spectacular Viking revenge saga starring Alexander Skarsgard as a warrior prince. Nicole Kidman (2022, 15) **8.00pm The Nan Movie** ★ Woeful comedy. Catherine Tate, Matthew Horne (2022, 15) **9.40 Inbetween Girl** ★★★★★ Honest, insightful coming-of-age flick. (2021, 15) **11.15 The Batman** ★★★★★ Robert Pattinson convinces in this starry, ultra-moody take on DC's iconic crime-fighter. Zoë Kravitz (2022, 15) **2.20am The Reef: Stalked** ★★ Horror sequel. Teresa Liane (2022) **4.00 Prancer: a Christmas Tale** As 9.00am **5.50 Poker Face** As 7am
Sky Premiere Sky 301 Virgin 401 BT 501/HD 515 +1 Sky 312

Great Movies 34

9.00am Evidence of Truth ★★ Ponderous crime drama. Andrea Roth (2016) **11.00 Murder at the Mansion** ★★ Made-for-TV thriller. Anna Hutchison, Jason-Shane Scott, Melissa Bolona (2018) **1.00pm Lost Letter Mysteries: Higher Ground** **3.00 The Neighbourhood Nightmare** ★★ Standard TV-movie thriller. Julie McNiven (2018) **4.50 Tornado Warning** ★ Unconvincing sci-fi disaster movie. Kurt Wurrer (2012, PG) **6.40pm The Pursuit of Happyness** ★★★★★ Will Smith chases the American Dream in this affecting drama. **Review, right.** (2006, 12) **9.00 Hanna** ★★★★★ Outstanding thriller that sees teenage assassin Saoirse Ronan on a revenge mission. Eric Bana, Cate Blanchett (2011, 12) **11.15 Black Butterfly** ★★ In this derivative thriller, a reclusive writer invites a drifter to stay. (2017, 15) **1.10am The Box** ★★ Stylish sci-fi thriller. Cameron Diaz, James Marsden (2008, 12) **3.35-5.50am Evening** ★★ Overly sentimental and shallow drama. Claire Danes, Toni Collette, Vanessa Redgrave (2007, 12)
Great Movies Freeview 34 Freesat 302 Sky 321 Virgin 425 +1 Freeview 61 (limited 10pm-5am) Sky 322

Great Movies 52 Christmas

6.00am Chasing Christmas ★★ Watchable update of *A Christmas Carol*. (2005) **8.00 Christmas with the Andersons** ★★ Charming comedy. (2016) **10.00 On Strike for Christmas** ★★ Light comedy drama. (2010) **12 noon The Christmas Sitters** ★★ Fairly original yuletide fun. (2020) **2.00pm Trading Christmas** ★★ Corny but sweet romantic comedy. (2011) **4.00 Lucky Christmas** ★★ Predictable but sweet story. (2011) **6.00pm Love Always, Santa** ★★ Sweet and soppy romantic tale. (2016) **8.00 The Christmas Switch** ★★ Twist on the true-meaning-of-Christmas tale. Natasha Henstridge (2014) **10.00 Finding Father Christmas** ★★ Sentimental drama. (2016) **12 midnight The Christmas Cabin** ★★ Romance. (2019) **2.10am Highway to Heaven** **3.00 Christmas in Conway** ★★ Drama. Andy Garcia (2013, U) **4.35-6.00am Christmas Comes Home** ★★ Sentimental romance. (2011)
Great Movies Christmas F'view 52 (limited) Freesat 303 Sky 319 Virgin 424 +1 F'view 63 (limited 10pm-5am) F'sat 304 Sky 320

TCM Movies

6.50am The Man from UNCLE **7.55 Battle of the Bulge** ★★★★★ Spectacular Second World War epic. Henry Fonda, Robert Shaw (1965, PG) **11.15 The Man from UNCLE** **1.30pm Murder She Said** ★★ Mystery starring Margaret Rutherford. (1961, PG) **3.20 The Utah Kid** ★★ Short, straightforward B-western. (1944, U) **4.30 Gun Fight** ★★ Standard western. James Brown, Joan Staley (1961, U) **6.00pm Cromwell** ★★★★★ Compelling historical drama that has some well-staged battle sequences. Richard Harris (1970, PG) **9.00 Lethal Weapon** ★★★★★ Violent thriller about a detective and a veteran cop who team up to take down a drugs ring. (1987, 18) **11.15 Halloween III: Season of the Witch** ★★ Ghoulis sci-fi horror. Tom Atkins, Dan O'Herlihy (1982, 15) **1.15am Churchill** ★★★★★ Finely judged biopic about Winston Churchill on the eve of D-Day. Brian Cox (2016, PG) **3.00 Hollywood's Best Film Directors** **3.30 Close Up** **5.00 Hollywood's Best Film Directors** **5.30 Off Set** **5.55 The Man from UNCLE**
TCM Movies Sky 315 Virgin 415/HD 416 +1 Sky 316 Virgin 417

Great Movies 42 Action

6.00am M*A*S*H **7.00 Crash: the Mystery of Flight 1501** ★★★★★ Watchable but over-detailed drama. Cheryl Ladd (1990, PG) **8.55 Ice Twisters** ★★ Disaster thriller. Mark Moses (2009) **10.45 Fighter Aces** **12 noon M*A*S*H** **1.00pm Gunfighters** ★★ Predictable western. (1947, PG) **2.50 Panhandle** ★★★★★ Cult western co-written by Blake Edwards. Rod Cameron, Cathy Downs (1948, U) **4.40 Lost Command** ★★ So-so war drama. Anthony Quinn (1966, 15) **7.10pm Miami Magma** ★★ Hokey made-for-TV disaster movie. (2011) **9.00 Resident Evil: the Final Chapter** ★★★★★ Thrilling pay-off in the sci-fi franchise that pits Milla Jovovich against zombies. (2016, 15) **11.10 Cell** ★★★★★ A mysterious cellphone signal triggers global mayhem in this stylish sci-fi horror. John Cusack, Samuel L. Jackson (2014, 15) **1.15am Redline** ★★ *Fast and the Furious*-style action thriller. Nathan Phillips (2007, 12) **3.10-4.00am Bombers of the Second World War**
Great Movies Action Freeview 42 (limited) F'sat 305 Sky 323 Virgin 426 +1 Sky 324

Legend 41

8.00am Walker, Texas Ranger **9.00 Knight Rider** **10.00 Star Trek: the Next Generation** **11.00 Air Collision** ★★ Ludicrous but watchable action thriller. Reginald VelJohnson (2012) **1.00pm Stonehenge Apocalypse** ★★ Trashy sci-fi thriller. Misha Collins, Hill Harper (2010, 12) **3.00 Megalodon** ★★ Low-budget take on shark flick *The Meg*. Michael Madsen (2018, 15) **5.00 Star Trek** **6.00pm Star Trek: the Next Generation** TV sci-fi adventure. **7.00 Knight Rider** TV sci-fi. **8.00 Walker, Texas Ranger** TV western action series. **9.00 Code Name: Geronimo** ★★ This US flag-waver is clichéd, but engaging enough. Cam Gigandet (2012, 15) **11.00 Maniac** ★★★★★ Slick reboot of the gory 1980 cult horror, starring Elijah Wood as a psychopath. **Review, right.** Nora Arnezeder (2012, 18) **12.50am Let Us Prey** ★★ Half-baked supernatural horror that's silly rather than scary. (2014, 18) **2.40-4.30am The Toybox** ★★ Grim but unconvincing horror with some heart-pumping moments. Denise Richards, Mischa Barton (2017, 15)
Legend F'view 41 F'sat 137 Sky 148 Virgin 149

Sky Showcase



A League of Their Own 9.00pm The boys get festive

6.00am The Early Rundown **7.00** Kay Burley **8.00** Hope for Wildlife (S) **9.00** Nothing to Declare (S) **10.00** Supergirl (S) **11.00** NCIS: New Orleans (S) **1.00pm** Hawaii Five-O (S) **2.00** S.W.A.T. (S) (AD) **3.00** Big Beasts: Last of the Giants (S) (AD) **4.00** Will & Grace (S) (AD) **5.00** The Simpsons (S) **5.30** Futurama (S)

6.30pm **The Simpsons** Grampa moves in with the family.

7.00 Lisa's guinea pig destroys a painting in the family's living room.

7.30 Homer is recruited as a World Cup referee in Brazil. (S)

8.00 **Sport's Funniest Moments** Farical moments from the sporting world. (S) (AD)

9.00 **New. A League of Their Own** With Tony Bellew, Eve Muirhead, John Barnes and David Seaman. **See page 66.** (HD)

10.00 **Micky Flanagan – An' Another Fing Live** A stand-up show recorded at London's O2 Arena, in which he covers such topics as the French, marriage and Saga holidays with his dad. (S)

12 midnight The Russell Howard Hour **12.45am** Sex and the City (S)

1.45 The Force: Manchester (S)

2.40 Road Wars (S) **3.10** Hawaii

Five-O **4.05** S.W.A.T. (S) (AD)

5.00–6.00am The Early Rundown

Sky Showcase Sky 106 Virgin 110/HD 109 BT 340/HD 355 **+1** Sky 206

Sky Sci-Fi

6.00am Fact or Faked: Paranormal Files **7.00** The Librarians **8.00** Home Shopping **11.00** Star Trek: Deep Space Nine **12 noon** Star Trek: the Next Generation

2.00pm Warehouse 13 **3.00** The Librarians **4.00** Star Trek: Deep Space Nine **5.00** Stargate SG-1

6.00pm **Star Trek: the Next Generation 24/26** Series 3. A Ferengi kidnaps Troi and her mother. **7.00** **25/26.** A humanoid develops strange powers.

8.00 **Merlin 13/13** Series 2. The Great Dragon attacks Camelot, so Arthur and Merlin set out to find the last remaining Dragonlord.

9.00 **Day of the Dead 9/10** The cornered survivors seek any refuge – ultimately taking help from mysterious armed strangers. **10.00** **10/10.** The remaining survivors prepare for the ultimate showdown with the undead.

11.00 **Dracula: the Original Living Vampire ★★**

Revisionist horror starring Jake Herbert, Christine Prouty and Michael Ironside. Detective Amelia Van Helsing suspects that a mysterious count may be responsible for a series of grisly murders. But she has little idea who or what he really is.

1.00am Wynonna Earp **2.00** Stargate SG-1 **3.00** Star Trek: Deep Space Nine **4.00–6.00am** Star Trek: the Next Generation

Sky Sci-Fi Sky 139 Virgin 139/HD 138 BT 348/HD 363 **+1** Virgin 229

Sky Atlantic



The White Lotus 9.00pm Trouble for manager Valentina

6.00am Urban Secrets (S) **7.45** Gomorrah **10.00** True Blood (S) **12.15pm** Game of Thrones (S) (AD) **1.20** True Detective (S) (AD) **3.30** Gomorrah: double bill (S)

5.45pm **True Blood 1/10** Series 6 In the wake of Bill's blood-soaked reincarnation, Sookie, Eric, Jason, Jessica, Pam and Nora flee the Authority compound. (S)

6.50 **2/10.** Eric takes matters into his own hands in an effort to thwart Truman Burrell's anti-vampire initiatives. (S)

7.55 **Game of Thrones 9/10** Series 1. Ned faces a fateful decision to save Sansa's life. (S) (AD)

9.00 **The White Lotus 7/7** Series 2. Black-comedy drama following the exploits of a group of demanding vacationers at a luxury resort. Starring Jennifer Coolidge.

10.10 **Game of Thrones 1/10** Series 1. Lord Eddard Stark faces a dilemma when he is asked to serve at the side of King Robert Baratheon. (S)

11.20 **2/10.** Bran clings to life as Ned prepares to head south with the king. Tyrion accompanies Jon as he travels to the Wall. (S) (AD)

12.25am Euphoria (S) (AD)

1.30 The Deuce (S) (AD) **2.50**

Lovcraft Country (S) (AD)

4.00–6.00am Urban Secrets (S)

Sky Atlantic Sky 108 (Wales 109) BT 342/HD 357 **+1** Sky 208 (Wales 209)

Sky Witness

6.00am The Real A&E (S) (AD) (HD) **7.00** Border Patrol (S) (HD) **9.00** Road Wars (S) **10.00** Paramedics Australia (HD) **11.00** The Good Doctor (S) (HD) **12 noon** The Rookie (S) (AD) (HD) **1.00pm** FBI (S) (AD) (HD) **2.00** Blue Bloods (S) (AD) (HD) **3.00** Nothing to Declare (S) (AD)

6.00pm **911 Crisis Centre** Behind the scenes of an Ohio emergency dispatch centre. (HD)

7.00 **New. Paramedics Australia Ep 6** Series 4. Mike and Eamon are concerned about a teenager's head injuries. (HD)

8.00 **Blue Bloods 4/20** Series 12 Jamie partners with Erin and Anthony to investigate a bar used by the NYPD and FDNY to hide their criminal indiscretions. (HD)

9.00 **New. Coroner 5/12** Series 4 A death in a tight-knit community reveals the holes in a flawed refugee system. Gordon and Peggy's plans for a romantic weekend go awry. (HD)

10.00 **The Equalizer 8/18** Series 2 McCall helps a deported woman track down her son. (S) (AD) (HD)

11.00 **Blue Bloods 1/20** Series 12 Danny consults a psychic to solve a young boy's murder. (S) (AD) (HD)

12 midnight 9-1-1 (S) (HD) **1.00am** The Good Doctor (HD) **2.00** Bull (HD) **3.00** Chicago Med (S) (HD)

4.00 Chicago Fire (S) (HD)

5.00–6.00am Chicago PD (HD)

Sky Witness Sky 107 Virgin 112/HD 111 BT 341/HD 356 **+1** Sky 207 Virgin 220

Sky Max



NCIS: New Orleans 6.00pm LaSalle is in grave danger

6.00am Stop, Search, Seize (S) (HD) **8.00** DC's Legends of Tomorrow (S) (AD) (HD) **9.00** The Blacklist (S) (AD) (HD) **10.00** Supergirl (S) (HD) **11.00** NCIS: New Orleans (S) (HD) **1.00pm** Hawaii Five-O (HD) **2.00** S.W.A.T. (S) (AD) (HD) **3.00** The Blacklist (S) (AD) (HD) **4.00** DC's Legends of Tomorrow (S) (AD) (HD) **5.00** Supergirl (S) (HD)

6.00pm **NCIS: New Orleans 22/23** Series 1. The elusive Baifish murders LaSalle's girlfriend. (S) (HD) **7.00** **23/23.** Pride suspects a mole is among the ranks. (HD)

8.00 **Sport's Funniest Moments** Farical events. (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 **New. A League of Their Own** With Tony Bellew, Eve Muirhead, John Barnes and David Seaman. **See page 66.** (HD)

10.00 **Rob and Roshav vs Restaurants: First Course Ep 3** Series 4. The comedians set out to open a restaurant. (S) (AD) (HD)

11.00 **The Russell Howard Hour Ep 13** Series 6. Topical comedy. (HD)

11.45 **Micah Richards's Player Pranks** Hidden-camera comedy with the football pundit. (HD)

12.15am We're Here (HD) **1.25** The Force: Manchester (S) (HD) **2.25** Road Wars (S) (HD) **3.00** Hawaii Five-O (HD)

4.00 S.W.A.T. (S) (AD) (HD) **5.00–**

6.00am Highway Patrol (S) (AD) (HD)

Sky Max Sky 113 (Wales 114) Virgin 122/HD 121 BT 346/HD 361

Sky Replay

7.00am Sixth Sense with Colin Fry (S) **8.00** Four Weddings (S) (AD) (HD) **10.00** The Force: Manchester (S) (HD) **11.00** Highway Cops (S) (HD) **12 noon** Police Ten 7 (S) (HD) **1.00pm** Road Wars (S) (HD) **2.00** Stargate SG-1: double bill (S) (HD) **4.00** Alphas (S) **6.00pm** Most Haunted (S) **8.00** Road Wars (S) (HD) **9.00** Temple: Lee is left heartbroken by Celine, while Hall and Moloney make a breakthrough in tracking down Jamie (S) (AD) (HD) **10.00** Redknapp's Big Night Out: comedy entertainment show, hosted by Jamie Redknapp (S) (AD) (HD) **11.00** A League of Their Own (HD) **12 midnight** Coroner (HD) **1.00am** Police Ten 7 (S) (HD) **2.00** A League of Their Own (S) (AD) (HD) **3.00** Duck Quacks Don't Echo (S) (AD) (HD) **4.00** Four Weddings (S) (AD) (HD) **5.00–6.00am** Sixth Sense with Colin Fry (S)

Sky Replay Sky 152 Virgin 180

Sky Crime

6.00am Highway Patrol (S) (HD) **7.00** Motorway Patrol (S) **8.00** Highway Cops (S) (AD) (HD) **9.00** Nothing to Declare (S) (HD) **10.00** Brit Cops: Rapid Response (S) (AD) **11.00** Road Wars (S) **12 noon** The Force: Manchester (S) (HD) **1.00pm** Murders That Shocked the Nation (S) (HD) **2.00** The Real Manhunter: the Murder of Chris Donovan (S) (HD) **3.00** Most Evil Killers (S) (AD) (HD) **5.00** Murdered at First Sight (S) (AD) (HD) **6.00** Killer in My Village (S) (HD) **7.00** Most Evil Killers (S) (HD) **9.00** An Unexpected Killer (HD) **10.00** Forensics: Catching the Killer (HD) **11.00** Most Evil Killers (S) (HD) **2.00am** Murders That Shocked the Nation (S) (AD) (HD) **4.00** Brit Cops: Rapid Response (S) (AD) **5.00–6.00am** Motorway Patrol (S) (AD)

Sky Crime Sky 122 Virgin 137/HD 136 BT 349/HD 364 **+1** Sky 222 Virgin 221

Gold



Upstart Crow: Lockdown Christmas 1603 10.40pm

7.10am The Two Ronnies (S) **8.35** Keeping Up Appearances (S) **9.15** Still Open All Hours (S) (HD) **9.55** Last of the Summer Wine (S) **11.50** My Hero (S) **12.25pm** The Green Green Grass (S) (HD) **1.25** Porridge (S) (AD) **2.30** Ghosts (AD) (HD) **3.10** Only Fools and Horses (S) (AD) **5.20** The Vicar of Dibley (S) (AD)

6.15pm **Only Fools and Horses** Del and Rodney go on holiday. (S) (AD)

7.20 **The Vicar of Dibley** Geraldine agrees to attend three slap-up Christmas lunches. (S) (AD)

8.20 **Dad's Army** The vicar holds a fundraising bazaar. (S)

9.00 **Mrs Brown's Boys** The doting mother gets a new house guest – a homeless parrot. (S) (HD)

9.50 **Christmas with the Royle Family** Denise interrupts the festive banter by going into labour. (S) (AD)

10.40 **Upstart Crow: Lockdown Christmas 1603** Will and Kate spend Christmas in lockdown as the plague overwhelms London. (HD)

11.20 **Mrs Brown's Boys** Mrs Brown is curious about a parcel addressed to Cathy. (S) (HD)

12 midnight Upstart Crow: a Crow Christmas Carol (S) (AD) (HD) **12.55am** Peep Show (S) **2.00** as 9.50pm **2.55** as 10.40pm **3.30–4.00am** Mrs Brown's Boys (S) (HD)

Gold Sky 110 (Wales 111) Virgin 124 BT 344/HD 359 **+1** Sky 210 (Wales 211) Virgin 194

Sky Comedy

8.00am Will & Grace (S) (AD) (HD) **10.00** Entourage (S) (HD) **11.30** The Comeback (S) **12.45pm** Eastbound & Down (HD) **2.30** The Office US (S) (HD) **3.00** Will & Grace (S) (AD) (HD) **5.00** The Office US (S) (HD) **5.30** Futurama (S) (HD) **6.30pm** Will & Grace: double bill. Jack's new act fails to impress Will, then Will plays matchmaker for Jack (S) (AD) (HD) **7.30** The Office US: triple bill (S) (HD) **9.00** Avenue 5: double bill. The crew visits an unclassified research station, then Iris and Judd attempt to blackmail mission control (HD) **10.10** Micky Flanagan – An' Another Fing Live: a stand-up show recorded at London's O2 Arena (S) (HD) **12.10am** Rosie Molloy Gives Up Everything (HD) **12.40** Sex and the City (S) (HD) **1.40** Veep (S) (AD) (HD) **4.00–5.00am** Will & Grace (S) (AD) (HD)

Sky Comedy Sky 114 (Wales 115) Virgin 135/HD 123 BT 347/HD 362

Comedy Central

8.00am My Wife and Kids (S) (HD) **9.00** The Middle (S) (AD) (HD) **10.00** Last Man Standing (S) (HD) **11.55** Friends (S) (AD) (HD) **6.25pm** Friends: five episodes. Gavin surprises Rachel **6.55** Ross tries to make Rachel jealous **7.30** Joey and Phoebe play Cupid **8.00** Ross discovers who mugged him as a child **8.30** Monica asks Joey for money (S) (AD) (HD) **9.00** Impractical Jokers Christmas (S) (HD) **10.00** Impractical Jokers Christmas Party (S) (HD) **10.30** The Impractical Jokers Awards (S) (HD) **11.00** Drunk History (S) (HD) **12 midnight** South Park (S) (HD) **2.00am** The Ricky Gervais Show (S) (HD) **3.00** Bob's Burgers (S) (HD) **3.45** Last Man Standing (S) (HD) **4.10–5.00am** Friends (S) (AD) (HD)

Comedy Central Sky 112 (Wales 113) Virgin 181/HD 132 BT 345/HD 360 **+1** Sky 212 (Wales 213) Virgin 133

Alibi



Murdoch Mysteries 10.00pm Ogden works under cover

7.10am Murdoch Mysteries (S) (HD) **9.00** Hudson & Rex (S) (AD) (HD) **10.00** Unforgettable (S) (HD) **11.00** The Coroner (S) (AD) (HD) **12 noon** WPC 56 (S) (AD) (HD) **1.00pm** Father Brown (S) (AD) (HD) **2.00** Murdoch Mysteries: double bill (S) (HD) **4.00** Hudson & Rex (S) (AD) (HD) **5.00** Unforgettable (S) (HD)

6.00pm **Without a Trace 6/23** Series 1. A man disappears after checking in for a flight. (HD)

7.00 **The Coroner 6/10** Series 2 A death in custody brings Jane into contact with a child killer and she hopes the case may help her to find the final resting place of his teenage victim. (S) (AD) (HD)

8.00 **Father Brown 3/10** Series 9 The sleuth delves into the past and opens up old wounds when a child killer is found murdered. (S) (AD) (HD) **9.00** **9/10.** Father Brown investigates staff at the local health spa when an ex-employee is found murdered. (AD) (HD)

10.00 **Murdoch Mysteries 7/24** Series 15. When an inmate is killed at a women's reformatory, Murdoch sends Ogden under cover. (S) (HD)

11.00 **Without a Trace** As 6pm.

12 midnight Hudson & Rex (S) (AD)

(HD) **1.00am** Father Brown (S) (AD)

(HD) **2.00** WPC 56 (S) (AD) (HD) **3.00–**

4.00am The Coroner (S) (AD) (HD)

Alibi Sky 109 (Wales 110) Virgin 126 BT 343/HD 358 **+1** Sky 209 (Wales 210) Virgin 191

Discovery

6.00am Wheeler Dealers (S) (HD) **7.00** Deadliest Catch (S) (HD) **8.00** Treehouse Masters (S) (HD) **9.00** Building Off the Grid (S) (AD) (HD) **10.00** Alaska: Homestead Rescue (S) (HD) **11.00** Chasing Classic Cars (S) (HD) **12 noon** Outback Truckers (S) (HD) **1.00pm** Gold Rush: White Water (S) (HD) **2.00** **New.** Lone Star Law (HD) **3.00** Alaskan Bush People (S) (HD) **4.00** Alaska: the Last Frontier (S) (HD) **5.00** Wheeler Dealers (S) (AD) (HD) **6.00** Garage Rehab (S) (HD) **7.00** Diesel Brothers (S) (HD) **8.00** Outback Truckers (S) (HD) **9.00** Kindig Customs (HD) **10.00** World's Greatest Cars (S) (HD) **11.00** Naked and Afraid (S) (HD) **12 midnight** Expedition X (S) (HD) **1.00am** Kindig Customs (HD) **2.00** World's Greatest Cars (S) (HD) **3.00** Alaskan Bush People (S) (AD) (HD) **4.00–5.00am** Wheeler Dealers (S) (HD)

Discovery Sky 125 Virgin 250 BT 320/HD 325 **+1** Sky 225 Virgin 258

Discovery History

6.00am Expedition Unknown (S) **7.00** JFK: the Lost Tapes (S) **8.00** Wings of War (S) **9.00** Combat Dealers (S) **10.00** Extreme Engineering (S) **11.00** Life After: Chernobyl (S) **12 noon** Nasa's Unexplained Files (S) **1.00pm** Expedition Unknown (S) **2.00** Tony Robinson's World War One (S) **3.00** Blowing Up History (S) **4.00** Mysteries at the Castle **5.00** Wings of War (S) **6.00** How the Universe Works (S) **7.00** Expedition Unknown (S) **8.00** Combat Dealers (S) **9.00** Mystery at Blind Frog Ranch (S) **10.00** How the Universe Works (S) **11.00** Blowing Up History (S) **12 midnight** Nasa's Unexplained Files (S) **1.00am** Combat Dealers (S) **2.00** Mystery at Blind Frog Ranch (S) **3.00–5.00am** Blowing Up History (S)

Discovery History Sky 177 Virgin 257 **+1** Sky 277 Virgin 261

ALL PROGRAMMES ON THE ABOVE CHANNELS ARE REPEATS UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED

Key (S) Subtitles (SL) Signing (AD) Audio description (HD) High definition (W) Widescreen

Sky Documentaries



The Wolfpack 12.30am
Mukunda Angulo as Batman

6.00am The Guest Wing (S) (AD) (HD) **7.00** Discovering: John Hurt (S) (HD) **8.00** The Directors (S) (HD) **9.00** Rolling Stone: Stories from the Edge (S) (AD) (HD) **10.00** The Vietnam War (S) (HD) **11.10** The Nineties (S) (HD) **12 noon** The Perfect Weapon (S) (HD) **1.40pm** My Icon: Ebony Rainford-Brent (S) (AD) (HD) **2.00** Lennox: the Untold Story (S) (AD) (HD) **4.00** Discovering: John Hurt (S) (HD) **5.00** The Directors (S) (HD)

6.00pm The Vietnam War North Vietnamese and Viet Cong forces launch surprise attacks. (S) (HD)

7.10 The Nineties A look at international politics during the 1990s, including the Gulf War. (S) (HD)

8.00 Rolling Stone: Stories from the Edge Examining the magazine's 1975 report on Patty Hearst's kidnappers. (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 Kings of Coke How a gang of Irish bank robbers from Montreal rose to become one of North America's most feared criminal organisations. (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

10.50 Music Box DMX's quest to reinvent his image. (S) (AD) (HD)

12.30am FILM The Wolfpack ★★ Documentary (S) (W) (HD) **2.20** Against the Tides (S) (AD) (HD) **4.10** The Directors (S) (HD) **5.00–6.00am** The Nineties (S) (HD)

Sky Documentaries Sky 121
Virgin 278/HD 277 BT 352/HD 367

Nat Geographic

8.00am Lost Treasures of Egypt (S) (AD) (HD) **9.00** Lost Nukes of the Cold War: Drain the Oceans (S) (AD) (HD) **10.00** Air Crash Investigation (S) (AD) (HD) **11.00** Car SOS (S) (HD) **12 noon** Last of the Giants: Wild Fish (S) (HD) **1.00pm** Wicked Tuna: North v South (S) (HD) **2.00** Ultimate Airport Dubai (S) (HD) **3.00** Hindenburg: the New Evidence (HD) **4.00** New Air Force One: Flying Fortress (HD) **5.00** Seconds from Disaster (S) (HD) **6.00** History: the Interesting Bits (S) (HD) **7.00** Air Crash Investigation (S) (AD) (HD) **8.00 New.** Nazis at Nuremberg: the Lost Testimony (HD) **10.00** Air Crash Investigation (S) (HD) **12 midnight** Car SOS (S) (AD) (HD) **1.00am** Wicked Tuna (S) (AD) (HD) **2.00** Alaska: the Next Generation (S) (HD) **3.00** Ice Road Rescue (HD) **4.00–5.00am** Air Crash Investigation: Special Report (S) (HD)

Nat Geographic Sky 129 Virgin 266/HD 268
+1 Sky 229 Virgin 267

Sky History

6.00am American Pickers (HD) **7.00** Forged in Fire (HD) **8.00** Storage Wars (HD) **9.00** Strangest Things (HD) **10.00** Pawn Stars (HD) **11.00** How the Nazis Lost the War (HD) **12 noon** American Pickers (HD) **1.00pm** Storage Wars (HD) **2.00** Cracking the Code (HD) **3.00** Pawn Stars (HD) **4.00** Mountain Men (HD) **5.30** Vintage Tech Hunters (HD) **6.00** American Pickers (HD) **7.00** Forged in Fire (HD) **8.00 New.** American Pickers (HD) **9.00 New.** Celts: the Untold Story (HD) **10.00 New.** History's Crazy Rich Ancients (HD) **11.00** Curse of the Ancients (HD) **12 midnight** Legends of the Pharaohs **1.00am** American Pickers (HD) **2.00** Forged in Fire (HD) **3.00** Curse of the Ancients (HD) **4.00** Pawn Stars (HD) **5.00–6.00am** Cracking the Code (HD)

Sky History Sky 123 Virgin 270
BT 353/HD 368 +1 Sky 223 Virgin 271

Sky Nature



Extreme Snakes 8.00pm
A red-bellied black snake

6.00am The Wild Wild East (S) (HD) **7.00** Monkey Life (S) (HD) **8.00** Hope for Wildlife (S) (HD) **9.00** Big Beasts: Last of the Giants (S) (AD) (HD) **10.00** Undiscovered Vistas (S) (HD) **11.00** Great Blue Wild (S) (HD) **12 noon** Into the Wild: Colombia (S) (HD) **1.00pm** Monkey Life (S) (HD) **2.00** Brazil Untamed (S) (HD) **3.00** Big Beasts: Last of the Giants (S) (AD) (HD) **4.00** Hope for Wildlife (S) (HD) **5.00** Great Blue Wild (S) (HD)

6.00pm Into the Wild: Colombia Some of the remarkable animals that call Colombia home. (S) (HD)

7.00 Monkey Life The stump-tailed macaques are given a paddling pool to play in. (S) (HD)

7.30 Baby Sylvestre meets his new mother Oshine. (S) (HD)

8.00 Extreme Snakes A look at dangerous snakes in Australia. (HD)

9.00 In for the Kill Predators claiming their prey. (S) (HD)

10.00 Great Blue Wild The coastline of Mozambique. (S) (HD)

11.00 Into the Wild: Colombia As 6pm.

12 midnight David Attenborough's Dragons and Damsels (S) (AD) (HD)

1.00am Christmas Winter Wonderland (S) (HD) **2.00** as 8pm **3.00** as 9pm **4.00** Brazil Untamed (S) (HD) **5.00–6.00am** Undiscovered Vistas (S) (HD)

Sky Nature Sky 124 Virgin 280/HD 279
BT 354/HD 369

Eden

9.00am Inside the Vets (HD) **10.00** Rhino Orphanage (HD) **11.00** David Attenborough's Natural Curiosities (AD) (HD) **12 noon** Africa from Above (HD) **1.00pm** Forbidden History (AD) (HD) **2.00** Inside the Vets (HD) **3.00** Africa from Above (HD) **5.00** Rhino Orphanage (HD) **6.00** David Attenborough's Natural Curiosities (AD) (HD) **7.00** Forbidden History (AD) (HD) **8.00** Inside the Vets (HD) **9.00** Africa from Above (HD) **10.00** David Attenborough's Natural Curiosities (AD) (HD) **11.00** Rhino Orphanage (HD) **12 midnight** Forbidden History (AD) (HD) **1.00am** Inside the Vets (HD) **2.00** Rhino Orphanage (HD) **3.00** David Attenborough's Natural Curiosities (AD) (HD) **3.50** Africa from Above (HD) **4.40** Inside the Vets (HD) **5.30–6.00am** Collar of Duty (HD)

Eden Sky 166 Virgin HD 245
+1 Sky 266 Virgin 246

Animal Planet

8.00am Tanked (S) (HD) **9.00** Pit Bulls and Parolees (S) (HD) **10.00** My Cat from Hell (S) (HD) **11.00** Animal Cops Philadelphia (AD) **12 noon** Tanked (S) (HD) **1.00pm** Pit Bulls and Parolees (S) (HD) **2.00** Legends of the Wild (S) (AD) (HD) **4.00** My Cat from Hell (S) (AD) (HD) **5.00** Animal Cops Philadelphia (S) (AD) (HD) **6.00** Tanked (S) (HD) **7.00** Pit Bulls and Parolees (S) (HD) **8.00** Expedition Mungo (S) (HD) **10.00** Alaska Monsters (S) (HD) **11.00** Celebrity Animal Encounters (HD) **12 midnight** The Crocodile Hunter: Best of Steve Irwin (S) (HD) **1.00am** Alaska Monsters (S) (HD) **2.00** My Cat from Hell (S) (AD) (HD) **3.00** Animal Cops Philadelphia (S) (AD) (HD) **4.00–5.00am** Tanked (S) (HD)

Animal Planet Sky 162 (NI 178) Virgin 251
+1 Sky 262 (NI 278) Virgin 259

SPORT

Sky Main Event

Sky 401 Virgin 511/HD 501 BT 420/HD 440

6.00am LIVE Test Cricket Pakistan v England, continued coverage of day four of the second Test from Multan Cricket Stadium.

12.15pm Test Bitesize: day four

12.30 World Cup Report

7.30 LIVE Championship Football Sunderland v West Bromwich Albion from the Stadium of Light (kick-off **8.00**).

10.30 World Cup Report

1.00am LIVE NFL Arizona Cardinals v New England Patriots, a week 14 game from State Farm Stadium (kick-off **1.15**).

4.30 Test Bitesize: day four

4.45–6.00am LIVE Test Cricket Pakistan v England, day five of the second Test in Multan. Coverage continues until 12.15pm.

Sky Football

Sky 403 Virgin 513/HD 503 BT 422/HD 442

6.00am Classic Play-Off Finals

9.00 Scottish Premiership Highlights

9.30 EFL Greatest Games (AD)

10.00 Classic Play-Off Finals

12 noon Championship Football: Queens Park Rangers v Burnley

3.00pm Women's Super League Football

4.00 League One and Two Goals

4.30 Championship Highlights

5.00 EFL Greatest Games (AD)

5.30 Scottish Premiership Highlights

6.00 Soccer AM: the Best Bits

6.30 League One and Two Goals

7.00 Championship Highlights

7.30 LIVE Championship Football Sunderland v West Bromwich Albion (kick-off **8.00**).

10.30 EFL Greatest Games (AD)

12 midnight League Cup Retro

1.00–6.00am Classic Play-Off Finals

Sky Golf

Sky 405 Virgin 515/HD 505 BT 424/HD 444

6.00am PGA Tour Golf: the QBE Shootout

9.00 European Tour Golf

2.00pm PGA Tour Golf

5.00 Chronicles of a Champion Golfer (AD)

6.00 European Tour Golf

7.00 PGA Tour Golf

8.00 Junior European Open

8.30 Junior Golf Championship

9.00 PGA Tour Golf

10.00 European Tour Golf

11.00 Junior European Open

11.30 Junior Golf Championship

12 midnight PGA Tour Golf

1.00am European Tour Golf

5.00–6.00 Chronicles of a Champion Golfer (AD)

Eurosport 1

Sky 410 Virgin 521 BT 412/HD 435

6.00am Snooker: English Open

8.00 Freestyle Skiing

9.00 Cycling

10.00 Olympic Games: Wait for It

10.30 Snooker 147s

10.45 Golf

12.05pm Snooker: Scottish Open

12.45 LIVE Snooker Coverage of day one of the English Open from Brentwood Centre, Essex.

5.00 Judo

6.00 Snooker

6.45 LIVE Snooker Coverage of day one of the English Open.

11.00 Snooker: English Open

1.00am Ski Jumping: **2.00** Snooker

4.00–6.00am Alpine Skiing

Eurosport 2

Sky 411 Virgin 522 BT 413/HD 436

6.00am Snowboarding

7.00 Ski Jumping

8.00 Snooker

10.00 Freestyle Skiing

11.00 Cyclo-Cross

1.00pm Motor Racing

2.00 Alpine Skiing

4.00 Motor Racing

5.00 Tennis

6.05 Freestyle Skiing

7.05 LIVE Freestyle Skiing Coverage of the World Cup meeting at Arosa, Switzerland.

8.15 Olympic Games: Wait for It

8.45 Cycling

9.00 Cyclo-Cross

10.00 Snowboarding

11.00 Ski Jumping

12 midnight Superbikes

2.00am Cycling

4.00–6.00am Snooker



NFL 1.00am Sky NFL
Budda Baker provides steel in the Arizona Cardinals defense

Sky Premier League

Sky 402 Virgin 512/HD 502 BT 421/HD 441

6.00am Greatest Games

7.00 World Cup Breakfast

10.00 World Cup Report

12 noon Soccerbox

1.00pm Premier League Years: the 2012/13 season (AD)

3.00 Greatest Games

4.00 Best Goals

5.00 Women's Super League Football

6.00 World Cup Report

7.00 Soccer AM

7.30 Premier League 100

8.00 Women's Super League Football

9.00 World Cup Report

11.00 Class of 92

12 midnight Retro

2.00am Premier League Years: the 2013/14 season

4.00 Best Goals

5.30–6.00am 100 Club

Sky Cricket

Sky 404 Virgin 514/HD 504 BT 423/HD 443

6.00am LIVE Test Cricket Pakistan v England, continued coverage of day four of the second Test from Multan Cricket Stadium.

12.15pm Test Bitesize

12.30 Best of the Big Bash

1.00 The Fletcher Years (AD)

1.30 Talking Cricket

2.00 Stuart Broad: My Greatest Spells

2.20 Ace: a Programme For Change

2.45 Test Bitesize

3.00 Test Highlights

4.00 Ashes Memories

5.00 Test Bitesize

5.15 Stuart Broad: My Greatest Spells

5.35 Ace: a Programme For Change

6.00 Test Highlights

7.00 Big Bash League

8.00 The Fletcher Years (AD)

8.30 Talking Cricket (AD)

9.00 Test Highlights

10.00 1999: England's Rock Bottom

10.20 Ace: a Programme for Change

10.45 Best of England v Pakistan (AD)

11.00 Test Highlights

12 midnight Big Bash League

1.00am Test Highlights

2.00 Ashes Memories (AD)

3.00 Test Highlights

4.00 The Fletcher Years (AD)

4.30 Test Bitesize

4.45–6.00am LIVE Test Cricket Pakistan v England, day five of the second Test in Multan. Coverage continues until 12.15pm.

Sky NFL

Sky 407 Virgin 517/HD 507 BT 426/HD 446

6.00am NFL: America's Game (AD)

7.00 NFL Highlights

9.00 One Jets Drive

9.30 Her Huddle

10.00 NFL Highlights

12 noon Good Morning Football

3.00pm NFL Highlights

4.00 Bitesize

5.00 NFL Highlights

6.00 Pro-Football Talk

8.00 NFL Highlights

9.00 NFL Bitesize

10.00 NFL Fantasy

12 midnight NFL Bitesize

1.00am LIVE NFL Arizona Cardinals v New England Patriots, a week 14 game (kick-off **1.15**).

4.30 NFL Bitesize

5.00–6.00am NFL Highlights

Sky Arena

Sky 408 Virgin 518/HD 508 BT 427/HD 447

6.00am NRLW

7.00 NRL

8.00 Wheelchair Super League

9.00 Super League (AD)

10.00 NBA

2.00pm Super League

3.00 Boxing

4.00 NBA

8.00 Boxing

10.00 Lennox: the Untold Story

11.45 Boxing Archive (AD)

12 midnight Boxing

5.00am Boxing Archive (AD)

5.30–6.00am Sailing

BT Sport 1

Sky 413 Virgin 527 BT 408/HD 430

6.00am LIVE Test Cricket Australia v West Indies, continued coverage of the fifth and final day of the second Test in a two-match series from Adelaide Oval.

12 noon International T20 Cricket: West Indies v England, a women's match

1.00pm International One-Day Cricket: New Zealand v Bangladesh, a women's match

2.00 Badminton: BWF World Tour Finals from Bangkok

4.00 International T20 Cricket: West Indies v England, a women's match

5.00 ESPN FC: analysis and debate

5.30 ESPN FC Presents: Gab & Juls

6.00 Test Cricket Highlights: Australia v West Indies

7.00 Surfing

8.00 Champions Cup Rugby Union: the weekend's best action

9.00 Fishing (AD)

10.00 ESPN FC

10.30 ESPN FC: Gab & Juls

11.00 Wrestling (AD)

1.00am LIVE Wrestling WWE action from Monday Night Raw, featuring superstar fighter such as Randy Orton and Seth Rollins.

4.15 What Went Down (AD)

5.15 Champions League Football: Stories of the Finals (AD)

5.30–6.00am National League Football

BT Sport 2

Sky 414 Virgin 528 BT 409/HD 431

6.00am ESPN FC

6.30 ESPN FC Presents: Gab & Juls

7.00 Wrestling (AD)

8.00 National League Football

11.00 Futsal: FA National Series

1.00pm Currie Club

1.30 Champions League Classics

4.00 Currie Club

4.30 Champions League Classics (AD)

5.00 Champions League Football

8.00 Motor Racing: V8 Supercars Championship from Adelaide

10.00 Test Cricket Highlights: Australia v West Indies from the Adelaide Oval

11.00 LIVE US Soccer Coverage of the men's college Championship Game from the USA.

1.00am LIVE Basketball Texas Longhorns v Rice Owls, coverage of the US college game from Moody Centre (tip-off **1.00**).

3.00 30 for 30: Small Potatoes: Who Killed the USFL? (AD)

4.00 Fishing: on the Bank (AD)

5.00–6.00am Ultimate Cricket Challenge (AD)

BT Sport 3

Sky 417 Virgin 529 BT 410/HD 432

6.00am Italian Football: five Serie A games from 2022/23

11.00 ESPN FC

11.30 ESPN FC Presents: Gab & Juls

12 noon Squash

1.00pm MotoGP

3.30 National League Football: Braintree Town v Dulwich Hamlet

5.00 National League Football: Oldham Athletic v Torquay United

6.30 National League Football: highlights

7.00 Futsal

9.00 UFC: Jiri Prochazka v Glover Teixeira

12 midnight Poker (AD)

2.00am UFC: the Walk (AD)

2.30 Classic Football (AD)

5.30–6.00am Champions League Football (AD)

BT Sport 4

Sky 423 Virgin 530 BT 411/HD 434

6.00am Kite Masters (AD)

6.30 US Soccer

7.30 ESPN FC

8.00 Basketball: Virginia Tech Hokies v Oklahoma State Cowboys

9.45 Basketball: Notre Dame Fighting Irish v Marquette Golden Eagles

11.30 American Football

12.30pm Premier League Stories

1.00 Around the Block (AD)

1.15 Basketball: three US college games, starting with Maryland Terrapins v UConn Huskies;

3.00 Kentucky Wildcats v Louisville Cardinals;

4.45 Texas A&M v Oregon State Beavers

6.30 American Football: Army Black Knights v Navy Midshipmen

10.30 American Football: Heisman Trophy Ceremony

11.30 American Football

2.30am The Volleyball Show (AD)

3.00 BT Sport Reload (AD)

3.30 National League Football

4.00–6.00am American Football

Tuesday

DOCUMENTARY

A Bunch of Amateurs: Storyville

10.00pm **BBC4**

Catch up via *iPlayer*

Kim Hopkins's documentary about the ageing members of the Bradford Movie Makers, who have met every Monday since 1932, could so easily have poked fun at them. But instead she's made a warm, poignant, quietly amusing and thoughtful film about a wonderful group of friends who share a love of making zero-budget movies.

Harry, for instance, has a touching reason for wanting to re-create the opening scene from *Oklahoma!*, despite not being able to ride a horse. Youngest member Phil makes edgier films such as *Nice Jam*, which everyone presumes is drugs-related, but he says is about finding pleasure in simple things.

With its crumbling clubhouse and endless supply of biscuits and tea, BMM is a lifeline as members cope with bereavements, loneliness, accidents and ill-health, buoyed up by their film projects, their camaraderie, friendly bickering and, occasionally, some very heated exchanges about film-making technicalities. It's an absolute joy.

JANE RACKHAM

SUPER MAN
Octogenarian Harry is a long-time member of Bradford Movie Makers

BOOKS

Between the Covers

7.00pm **BBC2** Catch up via *iPlayer*

If you'd rather not admit to being made tearful by a novel, you could always try the trick employed in this episode by *Celebs Go Dating*'s Tom Read Wilson. He comments that *Take My Hand* by Dolan Perkins-Valdez left him with "ocular seepage". And by the time Sara Cox's other guests have worked out what he means, he's deftly managed to move the conversation on.

It's a turn of phrase that could come in useful at book clubs when the talk turns emotional after the wine starts to flow. Though Cox points out that her own gatherings are now teetotal, after Hugh Dennis got tipsy and tried breakdancing on the table back in series two. She's probably joking, but who knows?

DAVID BROWN

FOOD

Jamie's Easy Christmas

8.00pm **C4** Catch up via *All 4*

Jamie Oliver always goes for big flavours, yet "little" is currently one of his favourite words. "Give it a little kiss of olive oil"... "Let's have a little try"... "Here's a little hack"... "Just needs a little rub," he says. Once noticed, you hear "little" else.

This time it's a showstopping Christmas dinner. His home-made gravadlax is "a belter", his gravy is "epic" and his potato dish (lovingly named after wife Jools) is the "ultimate". Even the humble brussels sprout gets the VIP treatment. While we may not all be able to run to the high-quality ingredients he uses (it's all either organic or free range and there are no supermarket basics), it does look incredible. **JR**

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The view from my sofa: page 154

GAME SHOW

The Traitors

9.00pm (depending on World Cup coverage; see listings) **BBC1**

Catch up via *iPlayer*

Until now, the faithfuls have had a terrible track record in finding the traitors in this high-concept cat-and-mouse game. And it is a game, which, amid all the verbal attacks and accusations, is something the contestants have to keep reminding themselves of.

Suspensions are dividing the group; one wrong word or misplaced look sees niceties shattered in an instant. Levelled with allegations and cross-examined over their intentions, one faithful player exclaims "it's exhausting" over and over.

Meanwhile, at the round table, there are more tears and a revelation about the traitors that sends the faithfuls into a spin. **FRANCES TAYLOR**

DOCUMENTARY

How to Crack the Class Ceiling

9.00pm **BBC2** Catch up via *iPlayer*

Amol Rajan focuses on his own industry – the media – to conclude his two-part documentary looking at how young people might be able to access elite institutions.

Seth from Somerset is concerned that his West Country accent might prove an obstacle to a top job in broadcasting. And, sadly, he's not wrong – research shows that most newsreaders have a received pronunciation (read: posh) accent.

Expert commentary on both the media and finance industries is insightful, if unsettling. The conclusion reached by Dr Louise Ashley, who has spent a decade investigating how the City thinks about class, is dispiritingly predictable. **ORLA THOMAS**

ALSO ON TODAY

The Yorkshire Vet

8.00pm **Channel 5**

Join vet Julian Norton (right, with wife Anne Norton) as he tends to more animals in the rural communities of North Yorkshire.



Modern Family

8.00pm, 9.00pm **E4**

Mitch and Cam make a big decision while Luke and Manny nervously face their first day at high school in this US comedy double bill.

Upright

9.00pm, 9.35pm

Sky Comedy

Lucky and Meg race back to Sydney in tonight's double bill of the joyous dramedy. Last of the series.

DOCUMENTARY

Beyond the Yorkshire Farm: Reuben & Clive

9.00pm **Channel 5**

Catch up via My5

He may be breaking away from Ravenseat Farm to start up his own business providing diggers and lifting equipment, but Reuben, 18, still needs to call on his dad Clive's expertise from time to time. Especially when he and his team face a dry-stone walling challenge. Jigsawing together the huge granite blocks requires all the knowledge that sheep farmer Clive has built up over decades maintaining the walls on his own hilltop farm.

The team also faces a few staffing issues in this episode of the spin-off series. Reuben's mate Tom wants to leave college, but is Reuben really ready to take him on as a full-time apprentice? **CERI THOMAS**

SITCOM

Two Doors Down

10.00pm **BBC2**

All episodes available via iPlayer

After last week's misfire, series six ends on a high with sharp teeth bared. The ever hospitable Beth and Eric have invited Colin and Anne-Marie round for a catch-up and, because it's such a glorious day, they venture out into the garden. Even before Beth has plied them with her frozen margaritas, the guests start disparaging their surroundings.

The crassness escalates when Michelle shows up with her deaf pal Louise (Sophie Stone), who had her fill of patronising rudeness from this bunch in series four. Satisfyingly, though, it's Beth (brilliant Arabella Weir) whose forbearance is at breaking point. (A festive *Two Doors* is on its way.) **PATRICK MULKERN**

DRAMA

Tokyo Vice

10.40pm (11.10pm Northern Ireland)

BBC1 Catch up via iPlayer

"Everybody pays. Everybody," says Sato (Sho Kasamatsu). He's right. There are always consequences, whether you're someone who can't keep up with a loan, a corrupt businessman who's let the yakuza down, a young woman who's fleeing her past, a journalist playing both sides in his attempt to get a story, or a traitor who's double-crossing his gangster bosses. Sometimes, as Sato and the Chihara-kai gang discover, even agreeing to do nothing can have violent repercussions.

But first, we discover in flashback the reason Samantha (Rachel Keller) came to Japan five years earlier – and it wasn't to persuade men to buy overpriced drinks in a seedy bar. **JR**



FIGHTER
Chris Kamara
raises awareness
of a rare condition

DOCUMENTARY

Chris Kamara: Lost for Words

9.15pm (depending on World Cup coverage) **ITV1** Catch up via ITVX

Docs in which famous faces open up about health issues now feel like a distinct ITV sub-genre. This year, we've had the likes of Kate Garraway updating us on the care plan for her husband Derek Draper, and Julia Bradbury's breast cancer journey. But while it's easy to be cynical about TV commissioners being on the hunt for the next heartfelt story to tell, the candidness of those who take part can't really be doubted.

Take football pundit Chris Kamara, whose recent diagnosis of apraxia of speech (which leaves sufferers struggling to pronounce words correctly), has resulted in him questioning whether he can continue in his profession. But Kammy isn't one to give up without a fight, and is seen here exploring therapy and raising awareness of a condition that doctors still know little about. **DBr**

LIVE SPORT



FIH Hockey Pro League Great Britain v Netherlands

10.00pm **BT Sport 1**

GB's women are in Argentina for this three-nation series, with Giselle Ansley (above) to the fore.

World Cup Football First Semi-Final

6.15pm **ITV1**/6.30pm **BBC1**

(depending on schedules; see listings. Kick-off 7pm)

From the Lusail Stadium.

Cricket

Pakistan v England

6am **Sky Sports Main Event**/
Sky Sports Cricket

The fifth and final day of the second Test in Multan.

FILM OF THE DAY



The Other Guys ★★★ **12**

9.00pm **ITV4**

With the NYPD's finest detectives indisposed, bickering B-team Will Ferrell and Mark Wahlberg (above) are forced to step up and bust a major conspiracy in this ingeniously ridiculous buddy comedy from *Anchorman* director Adam McKay. (2010)

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TUESDAY Main Channels

DAYTIME

BBC1

6.00am Breakfast Jon Kay, Sally Nugent. (S) (HD)
9.15 Morning Live at Christmas Magazine. (S) (HD)
10.00 Expert Witness A look at soil science and the use of DNA evidence. (Revised repeat) (S) (AD) (HD)
10.45 A Countryside Christmas Nigella Lawson conjures up some sweet festive treats. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
11.15 Homes under the Hammer Viewing properties sold at auction in Cambridgeshire, Lincolnshire and the West Midlands. Rptd tomorrow 6.15am BBC2 (S) (AD) (HD)
12.15pm Bargain Hunt From Shrewsbury. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
1.00 BBC News Regional News; Weather (S) (HD)
1.45 Doctors Daniel oversteps with Izzie. (S) (AD) (HD)
2.15 Money for Nothing Upcycling a table. (R) (S) (HD)
LIVE FOOTBALL If BBC1 shows tonight's match:
3.00 Escape to the Country In Norfolk. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
4.00 The Bidding Room A children's game. (R) (S) (HD)
4.45–5.30 The Weakest Link Romesh Ranganathan presents a radio and podcast special. (R) (S) (HD)
NO FOOTBALL If BBC1 does not show tonight's match:
3.00 Escape to the Country (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
3.45 The Bidding Room As above, 4pm.
4.30 The Weakest Link As above, 4.45pm.
5.15–6.00 Pointless Celebrities A sci-fi and fantasy edition, hosted by Alexander Armstrong. (R) (S) (HD)

BBC2

6.30am Bargain Hunt Shown yesterday 12.15pm BBC1 (S) (AD) (HD)
7.15 Money for Nothing Shown yesterday 2.15pm BBC1 (S) (HD)
8.00–9.00 Sign Zone MasterChef: the Professionals Four semi-finalists open a pop-up restaurant. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
9.00 BBC News (S) (HD)
12.15pm Politics Live News from Westminster. (S) (HD)
1.00 Meet the Street at Christmas Mark visits Aberdare in search of members for his choir. (R) (S) (HD)
1.45 Celebrity Eggheads Sophie Faldo, David Domoney, Frances Tophill, James Tanner and Will Kirk take on the quiz experts. Jeremy Vine hosts. (R) (S) (HD)
2.15 The Best Christmas Food Ever A Christmas breakfast with guest Angellica Bell. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
3.00 World's Weirdest Events Including a look at how deadly poisonous frogs can save lives. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
4.00–5.00 Back in Time for School The time-travelling class experience the 1980s. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

ITV1

6.00am Good Morning Britain (S) (HD)
9.00 Lorraine Guests, gossip and more. (S) (HD)
10.00 This Morning Including **Regional Weather** (S) (HD)
12.30pm Loose Women Fortright opinions. (S) (HD)
1.30 ITV Lunchtime News Regional News; Weather (S) (HD)
LIVE FOOTBALL If ITV1 shows tonight's match:
2.00 James Martin's Great British Adventure The chef pays a visit to the Isle of Wight. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
2.30 Dickinson's Real Deal In Oldham. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
3.30–4.30 Tipping Point Quiz show. (R) (S) (HD)
NO FOOTBALL If ITV1 does not show tonight's match:
2.00 Dickinson's Real Deal As above, 2.30pm.
3.00 Tenable Warwick Davis hosts the quiz based on top ten lists. (R) (S) (HD) Followed by **Regional Weather**
4.00–5.00 Tipping Point As above, 3.30pm.

Channel 4

6.05am Countdown With Stephen K Amos. (R) (S) (HD)
6.45 Cheers Triple bill of the US sitcom. (R) (S) (HD)
8.05 Everybody Loves Raymond (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
9.35 Frasier Three episodes of the comedy. (R) (S) (AD)
11.05 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA Bazzini restaurant in New Jersey. (R) (S) (HD) **12 noon News** (S) (HD)
12.05pm Couples Come Dine with Me Three pairs compete for the cash prize in Manchester. (R) (S) (HD)
1.05 Jamie's Ultimate Christmas Tips for making the perfect turkey, gravy and roast potatoes. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
2.10 Countdown With guest Vick Hope. (S) (HD)
3.00 Château DIY at Christmas A national timber shortage threatens Stephanie's plans. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
4.00–5.00 A Place in the Sun Leah Charles-King leads a property search on Cyprus. Rptd 6pm 4seven (S) (HD)

BBC1

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Tokyo Vice

10.40pm Samantha (Rachel Keller) is pursued by Matsuo – but is it money that he wants?



LIVE FOOTBALL If BBC1 shows tonight's match, the schedule will be as follows:

5.30pm BBC News Weather (S) (HD)

6.00 Regional news magazines (S)

6.30 World Cup Match of the Day Live



First Semi-Final
 Coverage from Lusail Stadium (kick-off **7.00**). Available in UHD on iPlayer. (S) (HD)

All live matches are subject to extra time/penalties

9.30 Would I Lie to You? At Christmas

With Jo Brand, Joe Swash, Joe Lycett and Ruth Madeley. Director Barbara Wiltshire; Series producer Adam Copeland (R) (S) (HD)

10.00 BBC News Regional News; Weather (S) (HD)

10.40 Tokyo Vice

RT 5/8. Everybody Pays. Jake must decide whether to help Ishida. English and Japanese +subtitles. The series is on iPlayer. **See p77.** (S) (AD) (HD)
 Jake Adelstein Ansel Elgort Sato Sho Kasamatsu
 Detective Hiroto Katagiri Ken Watanabe Polina Ella Rumpf
 Samantha Rachel Keller Ishida Shun Sugata
 Jin Miyamoto Hideaki Ito Matsuo Jundai Yamada

11.45 The Graham Norton Show

With Kate Winslet, Sir Lenny Henry, Nadiya Hussain, Jack Whitehall and Olly Murs. Shown last Friday (S) (HD)

12.35am MOTD World Cup Top Ten: Alan and Micah's All-Time World Cup XI The ultimate team selection. (S) (HD)
1.05 World Cup Match of the Day Replay (S) (HD)
2.45 Weather for the Week Ahead (S) (HD)
2.50–6.00am BBC News (S) (HD)

NO FOOTBALL If tonight's match is not shown:

6.00pm BBC News Weather (S) (HD)

6.30 Regional news magazines (S)

7.00 The One Show

Hosted by Alex Jones and Roman Kemp. (S) (HD)
7.30 EastEnders
 The mourners arrive at the Vic for Dot's wake. Writer Bryan Kirkwood Cast Monday/Thursday (S) (AD) (HD)

8.00 A Very British History

LONDON The British Chinese. Exploring the history of the UK's Chinese community since the 1950s. Director/Producer Andy Richards (R) (S)

EAST British Bangladeshis. Bangladeshi families that settled in the UK in the 1970s and 80s. Director/Producer Adam Keelan (R) (S)

WEST MIDLANDS Birmingham Irish I Am. The story of the Irish community. Director/Producer Ed Barlow (R) (S)

SOUTH EAST The Repair Shop at Christmas Items include a mechanical walking doll. (R) (S) (AD)

EAST MIDLANDS A Musical Family Christmas with the Kanneh-Masons

A festive celebration with the musical siblings. Producer Len Brown; Exec producers Bridget Boseley, Diana Hare (R) (S)

9.00 The Traitors

RT 7/12. As paranoia builds, a dramatic confession changes the game. **See page 76.** (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 BBC News Regional News; Weather (S) (HD)

10.40 Tokyo Vice As above, 10.40pm.

11.45 World Cup Match of the Day Highlights

Action from tonight's semi-final in Qatar. (S) (HD)

12.30am The Graham Norton Show As above, 11.45pm.

1.20 MOTD World Cup Top Ten: Alan and Micah's All-Time World Cup XI As above, 12.35am.

1.50 World Cup Match of the Day Replay (S) (HD)

3.30 Weather for the Week Ahead (S) (HD)

3.35–6.00am BBC News (S) (HD)

BBC1 Freeview 1/HD 101 Freesat 101/HD 106 Sky 101/HD 115 Virgin 101

BBC2

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Two Doors Down

10.00pm Party poopers: Beth's summer shindig for the neighbours doesn't go to plan



5.00pm Flog It!

Paul Martin hosts from Powderham Castle in Devon. Director Lynette Quinlan; Series producer Louise Hibbins (R) (S) (HD)

6.00 Richard Osman's House of Games

Kevin Eldon, Sarah Keyworth, Laila Rouass and John Whaite compete in more trivia-based games. (S) (HD)

6.30 Strictly It Takes Two

Rylan chats to one of the *Strictly* finalists, plus previous winners pop in to review this year's series. (S) (HD)

7.00 Between the Covers

RT 5/6 Series 5. Host Sara Cox is joined by Gabby Logan, Ade Adepitan, Kerry Godliman and Tom Read Wilson, who discuss books including *Take My Hand* by Dolen Perkins-Valdez, published earlier this year, and 1987's *Moon Tiger* by Penelope Lively. **See p76.** Director Tim van Someren; Producer Scott Jenkins (S) (HD)

RT BOOK CLUB Join monthly or quarterly: radiotimes.com/bookclub
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7.30 Nigella's Cook, Eat, Repeat

On Nigella's comfort-eating menu tonight are a crab mac 'n' cheese, some "mine, all mine" chocolate cookies and a one-pot dish of chicken with orzo.

Director Dominic Cyriax; Series producers Laura Abrahams and Martha Swales (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

RT WINE Save money when you buy six bottles of white wine produced in France, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and Sicily: see page 155

8.00 Celebrity Antiques Road Trip

Ceramicist Keith Brymer Jones and *The Great British Sewing Bee*'s Esme Young compete to find the most profitable items in Glasgow with a £400 budget, accompanied by antiques experts Roo Irvine and Charles Hanson. More tomorrow 7pm. (S) (HD)

9.00 How to Crack the Class Ceiling

RT 2/2. Amol Rajan investigates how Britain's elite could create a fairer system for young people from working-class backgrounds who are trying to secure jobs in Britain's most prestigious professions. He follows Seth, who wants to get into the media but thinks that prospective employers don't want candidates like him, and Adnan, who is struggling to land a graduate job in the City. **See page 76.** Series producer Clare Hix; Executive producer Mike Radford Repeated tomorrow 12.45am (S) (HD)

10.00 Two Doors Down

RT 6/6 Series 6. Garden Party. Beleaguered Beth ends up hosting an impromptu party in her back garden, though Colin is unable to hold back on picking faults. A festive episode is scheduled to air next week on BBC1. Series 1 to 6 are on iPlayer. **See page 77.**

Beth	Arabella Weir	Louise	Sophie Stone
Eric	Alex Norton	Anne-Marie	Siobhan Redmond
Colin	Jonathan Watson	Alan	Graeme "Grado" Stevely
Christine	Elaine C Smith	Ian	Jamie Quinn
Michelle	Joy McAvoy	Gordon	Kieran Hodgson

Writers Simon Carlyle and Gregor Sharp; Director Ben Gosling Fuller
 Producer Jacqueline Sinclair (S) (AD) (HD)

10.30 Newsnight With Victoria Derbyshire. (S) (HD)

11.10 Weather (S) (HD)

11.15 Trailblazers: a Rocky Mountain Road Trip

3/3. Ruby Wax, Mel B and Emily Atack try to scale a mountain. **See choice, p66.** Shown Mon 9.30pm (S) (AD) (HD)

12.15am How to Crack the Class Ceiling 1/2. Amol Rajan investigates how young people from working-class backgrounds can secure Britain's elite jobs. Shown last Tuesday (S) (HD)

1.15–3.15am Sign Zone 1.15 Gardeners' World Winter Specials 2/4. At Anglesey Abbey in Cambridgeshire. (R) (S) (HD)

2.15 How To with John Wilson 1/6 Series 2. The New Yorker contemplates becoming a homeowner. (S) (AD) (HD)

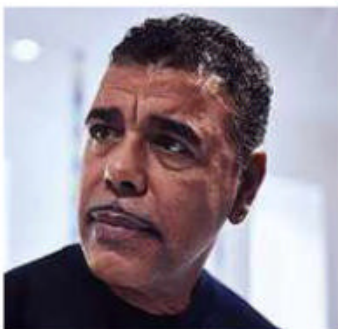
2.45 2/6. John tries to master his senses and make informed choices about wine. Both episodes shown last Wed (S) (AD) (HD)

BBC2 Freeview 2/HD 102 Freesat 102 Sky 102 Virgin 102

ITV1

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Chris Kamara: Lost for Words
9.15pm (only if live football) Kammy reflects on his speech condition

**LIVE FOOTBALL**

Coverage of World Cup matches was still to be decided as we went to press. If ITV1 shows this evening's match, the schedule will be as follows:

4.30pm The Chase

Jon, Terence, Fil and Lucy take part. (R) (S) (HD)

5.30 Regional News Weather (S) (HD)**5.45 ITV Evening News Weather** (S) (HD)**6.15 World Cup 2022****First Semi-Final**

Live coverage of the match from Lusail Stadium (kick-off 7.00). The first two teams battle for a place in Sunday's final. (S) (HD)

All live matches are subject to extra time/penalties

9.15 Chris Kamara: Lost for Words

RT The broadcaster and former footballer embarks on a journey to learn more about apraxia of speech, a condition that has affected his ability to pronounce words. As he starts to come to terms with the disorder, Chris looks at different ways to improve his speech, seeking advice from experts and meeting other people with the same condition. **See page 77.**
Director/Producer Matt David (S) (AD) (HD)

10.15 ITV News

Weather; Regional News and Weather (S) (HD)

11.05 ITV Football Classics

England v Cameroon at the 1990 World Cup.
Producer Sean Martin
Executive producer Stuart Smith (R) (S) (HD)

12 midnight–3.00am Home Shopping (HD)**NO FOOTBALL**

If ITV1 does not show this evening's match:

5.00pm The Chase As above, 4.30pm.**6.00 Regional News Weather** (S) (HD)**6.30 ITV Evening News Weather** (S) (HD)**7.00 Emmerdale**

The penny drops for Belle. Cain gets a visitor. The nanny interviews begin at Home Farm.
Writer Adam Sales Cast Thursday and Friday (S) (AD) (HD)

8.00 Coronation Street

Ken's former mistresses, Wendy and Martha, meet for the first time. All this week's episodes are available on ITVX from Monday.
Writer David Isaac Cast Monday and Friday (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 Beat the Chasers

Bradley Walsh welcomes more players ready to take on the fearsome Chasers for big money.
Executive producers Michael Kelpie, Martin Scott and Helen Tumbridge (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 ITV News at Ten

Weather; Regional News and Weather (S) (HD)

10.45 World Cup 2022 Highlights

The best action from the first semi-final. (S) (HD)

11.45 Gino's Cooking Up Love

2/2. New arrivals join Gino's cooking school.
Shown last Thursday (S) (HD)

12.35–3.00am Home Shopping (HD)

3.00am The Jonathan Ross Show Ep 7. The host welcomes Kate Hudson and Stormzy. (R) (S) (SL) (HD)

3.55 Unwind A sequence to calm the mind. (S) (HD)

5.05–6.00am Rolling in It Stephen Mulhern hosts a festive edition of the game show. (R) (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

ITV1 Freeview 3/HD 103 **Freesat** 103 **Sky** 103 **Virgin** 113/HD 103
+1 Freeview 35 **Freesat** 112 **Sky** 203 **Virgin** 114

Channel 4

4
7 in Wales

Jamie's Easy Christmas 8.00pm
Gobble it all up: the chef shows how to prepare a tasty festive turkey

**5.00pm Kirstie's Handmade Christmas**

2/10. Making a screen-printed shopping bag.
Repeated 7pm 4seven (S) (AD) (HD)

6.00 The Simpsons

Sleeping with the Enemy. Marge decides to adopt Nelson the school bully. (R) (S) (AD)

6.30 Hollyoaks

Mason turns to Serena for help.

Mason Chen-Williams	Frank Kauer	Sienna Blake	Anna Passey
Serena Chen-Williams	Emma Lau	Ste Hay	Kieron Richardson
Lizzie Chen-Williams	Lily Best	Tony Hutchinson	Nick Pickard
Maxine Minniver	Nikki Sanderson	Vicky Grant	Anya Lawrence
Nancy Osborne	Jessica Fox	Warren Fox	Jamie Lomas
Norma Crow	Glynis Barber	Angus	Charlie De Bromhead
Pearl Anderson	Dawn Hope	Mei Lian Tan	Stacy Liu
Romeo Nightingale	Owen Warner	Meng Chye Leong	Nicholas Goh
Sally St Claire	Annie Wallace	Avatar	Benedict Shaw
Scott Drinkwell	Ross Adams		

Writer Clare Sumi More cast Thursday Shown yesterday 7pm E4
Rptd tomorrow 6.30am E4 Next episode follows on E4 (S) (AD) (HD)

7.00 Channel 4 News Sport; Weather (S) (HD)

7.55 The Political Slot Gillian Martin discusses the SNP's vision to make the north-east of Scotland the net zero capital of the world. (S) (HD)

8.00 Jamie's Easy Christmas

RT 2/2. Jamie Oliver shares more festive recipes to make a special Christmas dinner. Beginning with a salmon gravadlax starter, he then demonstrates new ways to cook the turkey, roast potatoes and brussels sprouts, before ending with a fresh take on the yorkshire pudding. Both episodes are available on All 4. **See p76.**
Director Ed St Giles; Series producer Katie Millard
Repeated Thursday 8pm 4seven (S) (AD) (HD)
See feature: page 28
The view from Jamie Oliver's sofa: page 154

9.00 The Disappearance of April Jones

2/3. This episode focuses on the investigation into prime suspect Mark Bridger, who blindsided the police with the explanation of his involvement in April's disappearance. As the media descended on Machynlleth to cover the story, specialist volunteers ventured farther afield to look for April in the surrounding area. The whole series is available on All 4. Concludes tomorrow 9pm.
Repeated Thursday 10pm 4seven (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 You Won't Believe This

4/4. Four suspects claim to have survived a natural disaster, and four more allege that they found a fortune. Host Ellie Taylor is joined by amateur sleuths Kyle and Jade, who attempt to flush out the truth teller. All episodes available on All 4.
Director Rob Fisher; Series producer Matthew Gillbe
Repeated Thursday 2am (S) (AD) (HD)

11.05 Gogglebox

Ep 14. Comments on recent TV offerings.
Shown last Friday (S) (AD) (HD)

12.05am A December 2021 edition, with views on *Strictly Come Dancing* and *The Pet Show*.
Executive producers Mike Cotton, Leon Campbell and Victoria Ray (R) (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

1.00 The Last Leg Ep 4. With guests Jimmy Carr and Joanne McNally. Shown last Friday (S) (SL) (HD)

1.55 Paper Towns ★★★ Romantic road movie based on the novel by John Green, starring Cara Delevingne and Nat Wolff. Nerdy teenager Quentin Jacobsen's infatuation with his free-spirited and enigmatic neighbour Margo leads to a wild adventure after she mysteriously disappears.
Director Jake Schreier (2015, 12) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

3.45–6.05am Come Dine with Me Oysters feature at festive dinner parties in south-east London. (R) (S) (HD)

Channel 4 Freeview 4/HD 104 **Freesat** 104 **Sky** 104 **Virgin** HD 104
+1 Freeview 15 **Freesat** 121 **Sky** 204 **Virgin** 142

BBC4

9
24 in Scotland

A Bunch of Amateurs: Storyville
10.00pm A film-making club is under threat

**7.00pm Christmas University Challenge**

7/10. YolanDa Brown and Peter White are among those representing the University of Kent in the last of the 2021 heats. Between them and a place in the semi-finals is a team of Goldsmiths graduates that includes Mark Wallinger and Laura Coryton. Continues tomorrow 7pm. (R) (S) (HD)

7.30 Great Continental Railway Journeys

2/10. Michael Portillo continues his journey through Spain. At Madrid's Museo Reina Sofia, he hears how the bombing of a town in the Basque region inspired one of the 20th century's most shocking works of art. Next episode tomorrow 7.30pm.
Repeated 12.35am (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

8.00 Yes, Minister

8/8 **Series 3. Party Games.** Festive special of the comedy from 1984. Hacker runs for prime minister.
Writers Antony Jay and Jonathan Lynn
Director Peter Whitmore (R) (S)

9.00 Lucy Worsley's Christmas Carol Odyssey

Lucy Worsley follows the story of the carol, from strict Protestant Britain where the carol needed to survive outside the church, to the story behind one of the most famous carols of all, *Silent Night*, and the role it played in the First World War Christmas truce of 1914. With performances from the Kingdom Choir and the Hampton Court Choir.
Director/Producer Edmund Moriarty
Repeated 1.05am (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 A Bunch of Amateurs: Storyville

RT A group of amateur film-makers prepare to make their version of one of Hollywood's greatest musicals in order to save their beloved Bradford film club. As its members grow old amid flickering memories and hardships, a handful of members cling to their dreams as the club fights for survival. **See p76.**
Director Kim Hopkins; Producer Margareta Szabo (S) (HD)

11.35 Tomorrow's Worlds: the Unearthly History of Science Fiction

4/4. **Time.** Having the power to change the past or see the future is a human fantasy that has always inspired creative minds. But would a price always have to be paid for meddling with the timeline? Dominic Sandbrook sets off on HG Wells's *The Time Machine* and tries to keep pace with the ultimate Time Lord in *Doctor Who*.
Producer Robert Murphy; Series producers Ben Southwell, John Das Rptd Thu 2.30am (R) (S) (HD)

12.35am Great Continental Railway Journeys Shown 7.30pm (S) (AD) (HD)

1.05 Lucy Worsley's Christmas Carol Odyssey Shown 9pm (S) (AD) (HD)

2.05–3.05am Quentin Blake: the Drawing of My Life The illustrator tells the story of his 70-year career in his own words. Shown yesterday 9.15pm (S) (SL) (HD)

BBC4 F'view 9/HD 106 **F'sat** 108 **Sky** 116 **Virgin** 108

Regional variations

BBC1 NORTH WEST/YORKS/LINCS/SOUTH

NO FOOTBALL:
8.00–9.00pm
The Repair Shop at Christmas

BBC1 WEST

NO FOOTBALL:
8.00–9.00pm A Very British History: the story of Vietnamese refugees who came to Britain in the 1970s and 80s

BBC1 WALES

NO FOOTBALL:
8.00–9.00pm
The Repair Shop at Christmas

BBC2 WALES

1.45pm First Minister's Questions **2.35** Celebrity Eggheads
3.05 The Best Christmas Food Ever
3.50–4.00 Royal Recipes **11.15** It's My Shout: Short Films from Wales: double bill
11.45–12.15am Frankie Boyle's New World Order

LONDON LIVE

F'view 8 Sky 117 **Virgin** 159
6.00am Dork Hunters from Outer Space (R)
6.30 Extreme Dinosaurs (R)
7.00 Roswell Conspiracies (R)
7.30 Legend of the Dragon (R)
8.00 Fairy Tales for You: double bill (R)
8.30 Skysurfer Strike Force (R)
9.00 My Greek Odyssey (R)
10.00 For the Love of Ada: double bill (R)
11.00 Floyd on France (R)
11.45 Secrets of London with Mark Monroe (R)
12 noon Europe's Wilderness (R)
1.00pm FILM:
Sabotage ★★★★★ Mystery thriller with Sylvia Sidney (1936, PG)
2.35 FILM: Lilies of the Field ★★★★★ Drama starring Sidney Poitier (1963, U)
4.30 Tabernacle Choir: Music and Words (R)
5.00 The Baron (R)
6.00 London Live News
7.00 Shine On Harvey Moon (R)
7.30 After Henry (R)
8.00 Goodnight Sweetheart (R)
8.45 Secrets of London with Mark Monroe (R)
9.00 FILM: Overlord ★★ Second World War drama charting the experiences of a young British soldier (1975, 15)
10.45 FILM: Poor Cow ★★★★★ Drama starring Carol White (1967, 15)
12.50am FILM: Buster ★★★★★ Crime drama with Phil Collins (1988, 15)
2.55 FILM: Elvis and Anabelle ★★★★★ Romantic fantasy drama (2007, 15)
5.00–6.00 Danger Man: double bill (R)

Channel 5
listings are overleaf

TUESDAY Freeview

Channel 5

5



Beyond the Yorkshire Farm: Reuben and Clive 9.00pm Hard toil for the duo

5.35am Milkshake! See page 82

9.15 New. Jeremy Vine (S) (HD)

12.30pm Bargain-Loving Brits in the Sun Clint goes out on the hunt for the caravan of his dreams. (S) (HD) **1.25 5 News** (S) (HD)

1.30 The Great Christmas Bake Off ★★

P Seasonal romance with LeToya Luckett. Two old rivals from culinary school find themselves in competition on a TV show.

Director Lisa France (2022) (S) (W) (HD)

3.15 Christmas on the Slopes ★★

P Romance starring Soma Chhaya. A celebrity chef goes on holiday to try to overcome some recent disappointments.

Director Marco Deufemia (2022) (S) (W) (HD)

5.00pm 5 News (S) (HD)

6.00 Christmas Cruising with Susan Calman

1/2. The comedian travels to Norway for some Christmas cheer. At Stavanger, Susan is greeted by a Yule Viking, then temperatures plummet as she crosses the Arctic Circle for reindeer sledding. Series producer Jenny MacLeod (S) (HD)

6.55 5 News Update (S) (HD)

7.00 Dogs Behaving (Very) Badly

10/12 Series 3. Graeme helps Sam and Laura, who moved to the countryside with their dogs Maddie and Bisley. But with so much livestock around, the couple are worried that one of their pets will end up in the wrong farmer's field. Directors Michael Nuvoletta and Selina Chan (S) (HD)

7.55 5 News Update (S) (HD)

8.00 New. The Yorkshire Vet

13/15 Series 15. Vets Julian Norton and Peter Wright and their teams administer medical and surgical aid to creatures across the county. (S) (AD) (HD) Followed by **5 News Update** (S) (HD)

9.00 New. Beyond the Yorkshire Farm: Reuben and Clive

RT 2/3. It's 18-year-old Reuben's first autumn in business and there are lessons for the whole team as they take on a supersized stonework project. Clive takes time out of his busy schedule to help his son with the workload. **See p77.** (S) (HD)

10.00 Ambulance: Code Red

10/20 Series 2. A paramedic is sent to a double stabbing at a block of flats in Birmingham, and must prioritise which of the victims needs to be treated first. Directors Tina Curley and Matt Bridger (S) (HD)

11.05 The Man Who Took Shannon Matthews

The case of Michael Donovan, who abducted nine-year-old Shannon Matthews in 2008 and kept her in his flat for 24 days before she was found in a dramatic rescue in West Yorkshire. Director/Producer Richard Macer First shown last Thursday (S) (HD)

12.30am Crimes That Shook Britain (S) (HD)

1.20 New. Casino (S) (HD) **3.00 Celebs Before They Were Stars** (S) (HD) **3.50 Britain's Favourite Christmas Carol** (S) (HD)

5.30-5.45am Wildlife SOS (S) (SL)

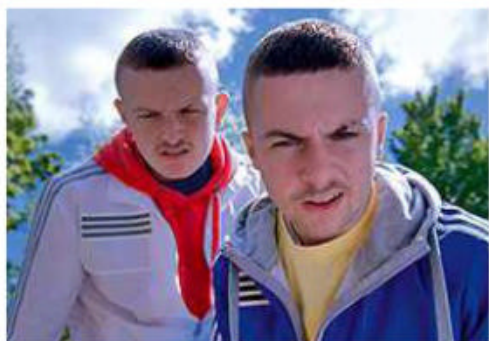
C5 F'view 5/HD 105 F'sat 105 Sky 105 Virgin 154/HD 105

+1 Freeview 46 Freesat 128 Sky 205 Virgin 155

BBC4 listings are overleaf

BBC3

23



The Young Offenders 10.00pm Jock and Conor look for a missing stash

7.00pm Top Gear

In Spain, Richard Hammond tests an updated version of the Mazda MX-5. Actor Nicholas Hoult is the star in the Reasonably Priced Car. More tomorrow 7pm. (S) (HD)

8.00 Gavin & Stacey

4/6 Series 3. Everyone heads to Essex as Pete and Dawn renew their wedding vows. More tomorrow 8pm. (S) (AD) (HD)

8.30 New. Ghosts US

17/18. A 1980s "mean girl" ghost named Stephanie is awakened in the attic. Continues tomorrow 8.30pm. (S) (HD)

8.55 New. The Catch Up (S) (HD)

9.00 New. FBoy Island

5/10 Series 2. During an unexpected rap battle, some men flow – while others flail. Louise gets acquainted with her date's body. Continues tomorrow 9pm. (S) (HD)

9.45 Zen Motoring

6/6. Ogmios uses his new sense of connection to the landscape as he secures himself a country wave. (S) (HD)

10.00 The Young Offenders ★★★★★

P Comedy caper starring Chris Walley and Alex Murphy. A pair of Irish teenagers steal two bikes and set out to find a missing stash of cocaine worth millions. Available on iPlayer. **Review p83.** Director Peter Foott (2016, 15) (S) (W) (HD)

11.20 Gavin & Stacey As 8pm.

11.50-3.45am Bellator MMA Replay A chance to see Bellator 284 at Sanford Pentagon in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. (S) (HD)

BBC3 F'view 23/HD 109 (not Scot/Wales) F'sat 179/HD 107 Sky 117 (173 London; 141 Scot) Virgin 107 (157 Scot/Wales)

ITV2

6

6.00am Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records (S) (HD) **7.00** The Cabins (S) (HD)

8.00 Love Bites: double bill (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

10.00 Dress to Impress: double bill (S) (HD)

12 noon Rolling in It (S) (AD) (HD) **1.00pm**

Family Fortunes (S) (HD) **2.00** Supermarket Sweep (S) (HD) **3.05** One Tree Hill (S) (HD)

4.00 Chuck: two episodes (S) (HD)

6.00pm Celebrity Catchphrase Jenny Ryan, David Baddiel and Hollie Arnold take part. Hosted by Stephen Mulhern. (S) (AD) (HD)

7.00 Dress to Impress Twenty-year-old estate agent Ocea from Kent hopes to find love. Designer Rob, DJ Jake and fashionista Silva compete for her affections. (S) (HD)

8.00 FILM The Holiday ★★ Romantic comedy starring Cameron Diaz, Kate Winslet, Jude Law and Jack Black. After breaking up with her boyfriend, Los Angeles workaholic Amanda is in need of a holiday. An online search persuades her to exchange her California home over Christmas for the remote Surrey cottage of journalist Iris, who has just found out her ex is getting married. But the swap soon leads to more romantic entanglements. **Review p83.** (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

10.45 Family Guy Series 11. Peter tells the story of Christmas – with a twist. (S) (AD) (HD)

11.15 Series 10. Stewie meets a kindred spirit, while Lois buys twin beds. (S) (AD) (HD)

11.45 American Dad! Series 16. Stan abducts Canadian musician the Weeknd. (S) (AD) (HD)

12.15am Series 15. Klaus decides to leave following one too many insults. (S) (AD) (HD)

12.45 The Stand Up Sketch Show (S) (HD) **1.45** Don't Hate the Playaz (S) (HD) **2.30-3.00am** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records (S) (SL) (HD)

ITV2 Freeview 6 Freesat 113 Sky 118 Virgin 115/HD 176 +1 Freeview 29 Freesat 114 Sky 218 Virgin 116

ITV3

10



Cracker 11.05pm DS Beck (Lorcan Cranitch) joins the hunt for a rapist

6.00am Classic Coronation Street (S) (AD)

7.00 Classic Emmerdale (S) **8.05** Man about the House (S) **9.10** The Darling Buds of May: **3/7 Series 1.** When the Green Woods Laugh

1/2. Pop bids for a stately home; **10.25 4/7** When the Green Woods Laugh **2/2.** Pop is summoned before the magistrate (S) (AD) (HD)

11.35 Heartbeat: **21/24.** Joe goes under cover and ends up in danger; **12.35pm 22/24** Peggy is caught with stolen goods (S) (AD)

1.40pm Classic Emmerdale: double bill. Terry thanks Charity for helping Louise, then Zoe doubles up in pain (S) **2.50** Classic Coronation Street: Les defies expectations at Dennis's funeral, then Vera gets a surprise visitor (S) (AD) **3.50** A Touch of Frost: **Series 5. House Calls.** A moment of compassion endangers Frost's career (S) (AD)

6.00pm Heartbeat

23/24 Series 17. When a pensioner whom Carol has been visiting dies unexpectedly, suspicions are aroused. (S) (AD)

7.00 24/24. Everyone rallies round for Blaketon's birthday party. (S) (AD)

8.00 Midsomer Murders

Series 21. The Miniature Murders. Death looms again in the village when estate agent Alexander Beauvoisin is murdered in front of a crowd at the unveiling of a new doll's house collection at Midsomer Museum of the Family. (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 Cracker

6/9 Series 2. The Big Crunch 3/3. Fitz vows to nail Kenneth Trant and his family come what may, but finds himself unable to pierce their wall of silence. (S) (AD) **11.05 7/9. Men Should Weep 1/3.** The police ask Fitz to help them catch a rapist who never leaves forensic evidence. Continues tomorrow 10pm. (S) (AD)

12.15am Ladies of Letters **5/10 Series 1**

Irene finds herself in hospital with amnesia; **12.45 6/10.** Vera joins Irene in prison; **1.15 7/10.** Vera and Irene make themselves at home on the prison ship; **1.45 8/10.** Vera campaigns to get Irene freed. More tomorrow

12.20am (S) 2.20-2.30am Unwind

ITV3 Freeview 10 Freesat 115 Sky 119 Virgin 117/HD 177 +1 F'view 59 (9pm-4am) F'sat 116 Sky 219 Virgin 174

ITV4

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6.00am The Champions (S) **6.55** Cadfael (S) (HD) **8.25** Magnum, PI: TC is arrested (S) (AD) (HD) **9.30** The Professionals (S) (AD) **10.30** Minder (S) (AD) **11.40** The Protectors (S)

12.10pm The Champions (S) **1.15** Cadfael (S) (HD) **2.55** Magnum, PI (S) (AD) (HD) **3.55** The Professionals (S) (AD) **4.55** Minder (S) (AD)

6.00pm Giant Lobster Hunters Skipper Danny is running up huge costs and needs to find a buyer for 1,000kg of lobster. (S) (AD) (HD)

7.00 BattleBots Minotaur continues its quest for the title in a fight with Blacksmith. (S) (HD)

8.00 Junk and Disorderly A high-class auction of vintage petroliana. (S) (HD)

9.00 FILM The Other Guys ★★ Action comedy starring Will Ferrell and Mark Wahlberg. Two pen-pushing cops seize the opportunity to get out onto the city's mean streets and knock some criminal heads together. **Film of the Day: page 83.** (S) (W) (HD)

11.15 All Elite Wrestling: Rampage Hard-hitting action. Rptd Thu 1.55am (S) (HD)

12.25am Auto Mundial: a look at Toyota's new flagship saloon (S) (HD) **12.55** Motorsport Mundial (S) (HD) **1.25** The Professionals (S) (SL) (AD) **2.20**

The Protectors: the team come to the aid of a KGB agent (S) (SL) **2.50-3.00am** Unwind (S) (HD)

ITV4 Freeview 26 Freesat 117 Sky 120 Virgin 118/HD 178 +1 Freesat 118 Sky 220 Virgin 175

Drama

20



Dalziel & Pascoe 8.00pm The duo go after a Hamlet-influenced killer

7.00am 'Allo 'Allo! Repeated 6pm (S) **7.30**

All Creatures Great and Small Repeated 4.20pm (S) **8.30** New Tricks Repeated 10pm (AD) **9.50** Classic Casualty: double bill. Ethan and Alicia are thrown together, then David is forced to reveal some inner truths (HD)

12 noon The Bill: Knowles spots a registered sex offender **1.00pm** Classic EastEnders: double bill. Terry takes on more than he can handle, then Mark breaks Pauline's heart

2.20 New Tricks: **3/10 Series 11. Deep Swimming.** The team reopens the investigation into a terrorist's death; **3.20 4/10. Ghosts.** The 1956 disappearance of a police officer is investigated (S) (AD) (HD) **4.20** All Creatures Great and Small: **11/12 Series 5. The Jackpot**

James is challenged to a race Shown 7.30am (S) **5.25** As Time Goes By: **5/10 Series 3**

Lionel moves in with Jean Repeated 1am (S)

6.00pm 'Allo 'Allo!

3/7 Series 8. Hitler's Last Heil. René's birthday concludes with a bang.

Shown 7am Repeated 12.20am (S)

6.40 Last of the Summer Wine

Series 28. Howard Remembers Where He Left His Bicycle Pump. Truly makes matters worse when Howard bumps into an acquaintance from the past. (S)

7.20 Sinclair and the Wormley Witches

Sinclair believes he has been cursed, so Alvin unwisely decides to exorcise him. (S)

8.00 Dalziel & Pascoe

2/4 Series 2. A Killing Kindness

The detectives trail a serial killer. (S) (AD)

10.00 New Tricks

2/10 Series 8. End of the Line. The team reopens a 15-year-old strangling case.

Keith Allen guest-stars. Shown 8.30am (S) (AD)

11.00 Hustle

5/6 Series 3. The Hustler's News of Today

The team targets a newspaper editor.

12.20am 'Allo 'Allo! Shown 6pm (S) **1.00**

as Time Goes By Shown 5.25pm (S) **1.40** Auf Wiedersehen, Pet: **5/6 Series 4.** Neville feels the pressure **2.45-4.00am** A Place to Call Home: **12/13 Series 1.** George is delighted when Sarah agrees to marry him (S) (HD)

Drama Freeview 20 Freesat 158 Sky 143 Virgin 130

+1 Freeview 60 Sky 243 Virgin 226

ITVBe

28

7.00am The Real Housewives of Cheshire (S) (AD) **8.00** Masters of Flip: a pink cottage-type house (S) (HD) **9.00** LittleBe (HD)

12 noon Best Cake Wins (S) (HD) **12.30pm**

The Real Housewives of New Jersey (S) (HD)

1.25 The Real Housewives of Cheshire (S) (AD) **2.25** The Only Way Is Essex (S) (HD)

3.25 New. The Big Bake (S) (HD) **4.20 New.** The Real Housewives of Salt Lake City (S) (HD)

6.10pm FILM Destined at Christmas ★★

Romantic comedy drama. Two singletons strike a spark while shopping, but get separated. They then try to reconnect based on only scant information. (S) (W) (HD)

8.00 Christmas Dinner Date Abi from Essex picks three blind dates from a choice of five potential partners. (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 Million Pound Pawn A retired PR executive puts the pressure on Dan over several designer handbags. (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 New. Love Island: Australia

Relationship-based reality show. (S) (HD)

11.25 Botched A holiday countdown. (S) (HD)

11.50 The Only Way Is Essex Dan and Chloe have unfinished business. (S) (HD)

12.50-1.00am Unwind (S) (HD)

ITVBe Freeview 28 Freesat 119 Sky 131 Virgin 119/HD 179

+1 Virgin 120 (Scotland 162)

More4

18



Baby Surgeons: Delivering Miracles
10.00pm Susie is expecting triplets

8.55am Kirstie's Handmade Treasures
9.15 A Place in the Sun: double bill
11.05 Find It, Fix It, Flog It: double bill (AD)
1.10pm Heir Hunters **3.10** Four in a Bed
5.55 Escape to the Château: DIY (AD)
6.55pm **Escape to the Château** Dick Strawbridge is determined to make sloe gin, while Angel presses on with her plan to create a library in the pepper pot tower. (AD)
7.55 **Grand Designs** GP Peter Berkin and his wife Chard, an alternative medicine practitioner, have decided to build a new home at the bottom of their garden, but cannot agree on any part of the design. (AD)
9.00 **24 Hours in A&E** A patient with a rare condition is rushed in to St George's in south-west London, struggling to breathe. Meanwhile, a 19-year-old medical student has an abnormal growth on her femur. (AD)
10.00 **Baby Surgeons: Delivering Miracles Ep 2.** Susie is 16 weeks pregnant and carrying triplets, who may have a life-threatening blood-sharing condition called twin-to-twin transfusion syndrome. If left untreated, there's a 90 per cent chance Susie will miscarry the whole pregnancy and lose all three babies. (AD)
11.05 **24 Hours in A&E** A patient is rushed into London's St George's hospital with a life-threatening abdominal aortic aneurysm. (AD)
12.10am Eight out of Ten Cats Does Countdown: with guests Vic Reeves and Aisling Bea **1.15** Emergency Helicopter Medics (AD) **2.20** 24 Hours in A&E (AD) **3.25-3.50am** Food Unwrapped (AD)

More4 F'view 18 F'sat 124 Sky 136 Virgin 147/HD 195
+1 Freesat 125 Sky 236 Virgin 196

E4

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6.00am Hollyoaks Shown Friday/Monday 6.30pm Channel 4 (AD) **7.00** Ramsay's Hotel Hell (AD) **8.00** Black-ish (AD) **9.00** How I Met Your Mother (AD) **10.00** The Big Bang Theory (AD) **11.00** The Goldbergs (AD)
12 noon Brooklyn Nine-Nine (AD) **1.00pm** The Big Bang Theory (AD) **3.00** The Goldbergs (AD) **4.00** Modern Family: two episodes **5.00** The Big Bang Theory (AD)
6.00pm **The Big Bang Theory 7/24 Series 8** Guest-starring Billy Bob Thornton. (AD)
6.30 **8/24.** The girls re-enact prom night. (AD)
7.00 **New. Hollyoaks** Joel's test results are in. Cast pp79/99 Repeated Wed 6.30pm C4 (AD)
7.30 **The Big Bang Theory 19/24 Series 5** Amy is disappointed by Sheldon. (AD)
8.00 **New. Modern Family 1/24 Series 5** Mitch and Cam make a big decision.
8.30 **2/24.** Luke and Manny face their first day at high school. Both eps first shown on Sky
9.00 **New. Rick and Morty Series 6.** Morty hopes for a certain gift for Christmas.
9.30 The duo sit by a roaring fire.
10.00 **New. Celebs Go Dating Series 11** Sinitta picks tree surgeon Adam for a date.
11.05 **Naked Attraction** (AD)
12.10am Rick and Morty **1.15** Celebs Go Dating
2.20 **New.** Summer House **3.10** Below Deck (AD)
3.55 Ramsay's Hotel Hell (SL) (AD)
4.45-6.00am Brooklyn Nine-Nine (SL) (AD)

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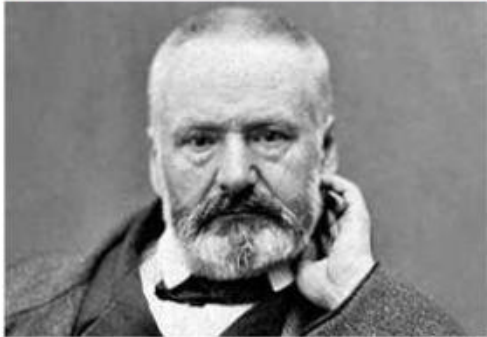
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6.00am Fantasy Homes by the Sea **7.00** Home Shopping **8.00** Salvage Hunters **9.00** The Repair Shop **10.00** Antiques Road Trip **12 noon** Money for Nothing **1.00pm** Hotel Inspector: You're Fired **2.00** Animal Cops Houston **4.00** Dr Jeff: Rocky Mountain Vet **5.00** Helicopter ER **6.00** The Repair Shop **7.00** Antiques Road Trip **9.00** **New.** Helicopter ER **10.00** Cops UK: Bodycam Squad **11.00** Ghost Adventures (AD) **12 midnight** A Haunting **1.00am** Ghost Adventures (AD)
2.00 Home Shopping **4.00-6.00am** as 2pm
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Sky Arts

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Les Misérables and Victor Hugo
9.45pm The French writer's life

6.00am The Sound of Music: Live! **8.25** Discovering: Julie Andrews (AD) **9.25** Tales of the Unexpected (AD) **9.55** Alfred Hitchcock Presents **11.00** Discovering: Ben Kingsley
12 noon Charles Hazlewood: Beethoven and Me **1.00pm** Tales of the Unexpected (AD)
2.00 The Lot of Fun: Where the Movies Learned to Laugh **3.00** Portrait Artist of the Year 2021 (AD) **4.00** Discovering: Helen Mirren **5.00** Tales of the Unexpected (AD)
6.00pm **Alfred Hitchcock Presents** A man hopes to get a property at a bargain price.
6.30 A woman falls for a man – but she is celebrating her engagement to her fiancé.
7.00 **New. Cirque du Soleil: Luzia** A show inspired by the richness of Mexican culture.
8.45 **Discovering: Hugh Grant** A look at the life and career of the English actor known for roles including *Love Actually*.
9.45 **New. Les Misérables and Victor Hugo** A look at how the French author's classic novel made him a man of the people at the time, as well as examining its legacy.
11.00 **Spike Milligan: the Unseen Archive** A look at recently unearthed film, interviews and scripts from the comedy writer and performer's archive, including an unpublished play called *The Snow Goose*.
12.30am Christmas Music by Candlelight **1.45** Nick Cave and the Bad Seeds: Austin City Limits **3.00** The South Bank Show Originals **4.00** Cheltenham Literature Festival **5.00** ZZ Top: Music Icons
5.30-6.00am Video Killed the Radio Star

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4seven

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9.00am Four in a Bed **9.30** Come Dine with Me: dinner parties from in and around Essex
12 noon Kirstie's Handmade Christmas (AD)
1.00pm Château DIY at Christmas (AD) **2.00** A Place in the Sun: Home or Away **3.00** A Place in the Sun **4.00** Jamie's Ultimate Christmas: dishes for the festive season (AD)
5.00 Château DIY at Christmas (AD)
6.00pm **A Place in the Sun** Helping to find a Cyprus holiday home. Shown 4pm Channel 4
7.00 **Kirstie's Handmade Christmas 2/10.** Kirstie Allsopp shows how to make a stylish shopping bag. Shown 5pm Channel 4 (AD)
8.00 **Waitrose at Christmas** Following the supermarket's preparations in the run-up to Christmas. **See choice, p66.** Shown Mon 8pm C4
9.00 **Gogglebox** The armchair critics cast their eyes over 2020's Christmas TV. (AD)
10.35 **24 Hours in Police Custody Ep 2 Series 10.** Bedfordshire Police race to rescue a 15-year-old girl being held captive. (AD)
11.35 **The Disappearance of April Jones 2/3.** The arrest of, and criminal investigation into, Mark Bridger. Shown 9pm Channel 4 (AD)
12.40am Moors Murders: the Trial (AD)
1.45 Undercover: Sexual Harassment – the Truth
2.50 Escape to the Château (AD) **3.50-4.50am** Christmas at... Blenheim Palace (AD)

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Quest

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6.00am How Do They Do It? **6.25** Find It, Fix It, Flog It **7.10** The Repair Shop **8.00** American Pickers **10.00** Chasing Classic Cars **11.00** Fifth Gear **12 noon** Massive Engineering Mistakes **1.00pm** Money for Nothing **2.00** The Repair Shop **3.00** Find It, Fix It, Flog It **4.00** Salvage Hunters **5.00** Salvage Hunters: the Restorers **6.00pm** Wheeler Dealers (AD) **7.00** Aussie Gold Hunters **8.00** Salvage Hunters **9.00** **New.** Shed and Buried **10.00** The Yorkshire Auction House **11.00** How Do They Do It? **12 midnight** Wheeler Dealers **1.00am** Chasing Classic Cars **2.00** Salvage Hunters: Classic Cars **3.00** Overhaulin' **4.00-5.00am** **New.** Snooker: English Open
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Yesterday

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Bangers and Cash: Restoring Classics
8.00pm A 29,000-mile Ford Capri

6.00am Impossible Engineering (AD) **8.00** Top Gear (AD) **9.00** The World at War **10.00** War Factories **11.00** Great British Railway Journeys: travelling through Essex and Kent
12 noon Bangers and Cash: Restoring Classics (AD) **1.00pm** Bangers and Cash **2.00** Great British Railway Journeys **4.00** The World at War **5.00** War Factories
6.00pm **WW2: Battles for Europe** The American forces who launched a huge offensive to blast a gap in the German lines.
7.00 **Abandoned Engineering** A now-silent site that played a pivotal role defending the USA through the 20th century. (AD)
8.00 **Bangers and Cash: Restoring Classics** Derek thinks a 29,000-mile Ford Capri should be kept original. (AD)
9.00 **Bangers and Cash** Dave and Jack head to East Yorkshire to pick up a dusty Alfa Romeo and a 1930s Jowett. (AD)
10.00 Derek struggles to get his message across on a rare trip abroad.
11.00 **Abandoned Engineering** A plant in Poland built to make Nazi Germany self-sufficient by turning coal into oil. (AD)
12 midnight Top Gear (AD) **1.00-3.00am** Impossible Engineering: double bill (AD)

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Dave

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7.10am Yianni: Supercar Customiser (AD)
8.00 Border Force: America's Gatekeepers (AD) **10.00** Travel Man: 48 Hours in Tallinn (AD) **10.30** Travel Man: 48 Hours in Hamburg (AD) **11.00** Ross Noble: Off Road (AD)
12 noon Cops on the Rock (AD) **2.00pm** Top Gear (AD) **3.00** Rick Stein's Long Weekends (AD) **4.00** Top Gear: two editions (AD)
6.00pm **QI XL** Extended edition, with Sarah Millican, Eddie Kadi and Noel Fielding.
7.00 **Richard Osman's House of Games** Featuring Dr Maggie Aderin-Pocock, the Rev Richard Coles, Stuart Maconie and Lou Sanders.
7.40 **QI XL** Johnny Vegas, Ronni Ancona and Jimmy Carr join regular panellist Alan Davies.
8.20 **Would I Lie to You?** With Sara Pascoe, Dan Walker, Nicola Coughlan and Mr Motivator.
9.00 **QI XL** Hosted by Sandi Toksvig.
10.00 **Taskmaster 5/6 Series 1.** Greg Davies sets more challenges for comedians including Frank Skinner and Romesh Ranganathan.
11.00 **Live at the Moth Club Ep 2.** Moth Club regulars Cardinal Burns have a row.
12 midnight Mock the Week: guests include James Acaster **1.20am** Alan Davies: As Yet Untitled **2.25** QI XL **2.55** Comedians Giving Lectures **3.30-4.00am** Richard Osman's House of Games

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6.10am Inside the Ambulance **7.00** DIY SOS: the Big Build **8.00** Tipping Point **10.00** Tipping Point: Lucky Stars **11.00** DIY SOS: the Big Build **12 noon** Inside the Ambulance **2.00pm** Tipping Point **3.00** DIY SOS: the Big Build **5.00** My Family: three episodes
7.00pm **MasterChef USA** The contestants are faced with a mystery box challenge.
8.00 **Nurses on the Ward** A 19-year-old whose kidney transplant is failing. (AD)
9.00 **DIY SOS: the Big Build** In Bury.
10.00 **24 Hours in A&E** An 11-year-old is rushed to A&E after being hit by a motorbike.
11.00 **Ski A&E** The changing weather causes difficulties on the mountains.
12 midnight One Born Every Minute **1.00am** Inside the Ambulance: heavy snow causes problems **2.00-3.00am** Great Ormond Street
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5 USA

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9.00am Entertainment News **9.05** NCIS (AD) **12 noon** Law & Order **4.55pm** Entertainment News **5.00** Law & Order **6.00pm** NCIS *Series 16.* Triple bill. Gibbs's quiet holiday at his remote cabin is interrupted **7.00** The NCIS team tries to exonerate a marine serving a life sentence **8.00** NCIS probes a Halloween crime scene (AD) **9.00** Law & Order: Criminal Intent *Series 10.* Double bill. A programmer working for a cyberwarfare business is killed, then a Wall Street CEO is murdered **10.55** Law & Order: Special Victims Unit *Series 16* **12.55am** Criminal Minds: double bill **2.50** Law & Order: Criminal Intent **3.35-4.00am** Criminals: Caught on Camera: the use of CCTV to fight crime
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8.00am Entertainment News **8.10** Rich Kids Go Skint (AD) **9.00** Car Pound Cops: Give Me My Car Back! **10.00** Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords **11.00** Shoplifters and Scammers: at War with the Law **12 noon** Entertainment News **12.05pm** Traffic Cops **2.05** Police Interceptors: five editions
5.10pm **FILM A Very Charming Christmas Town ★★** Romantic drama. Blogger Aubrey visits a Californian town that celebrates Christmas all year round.
7.00 **When Luxury Cruising Goes Wrong** The story of a family on a voyage that ended in misery when the ship caught fire.
8.30 **Amazon: How Do They Really Do It?** The journey to become a global superpower.
10.00 **999: Emergency Callout** A heroin user is assaulted by a car owner.
11.00 **A&E after Dark** A 73-year-old man is rushed in with serious injuries.
12 midnight Casualty 24/7: Every Second Counts
1.00am Killer at the Crime Scene **2.00** Dirty John: Betty Broderick **3.00** Wanted **3.50-4.00am** Entertainment News
5 Star Freeview 32 Freesat 131 Sky 128 Virgin 151
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5 Action

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9.00am Trucking Hell **10.00** Traffic Cops **11.00** Police Interceptors
12 noon **FILM** Sugarfoot ★★ Western starring Randolph Scott **1.50pm** **FILM** The Man from Laramie ★★★★★ Western starring James Stewart **4.00** Trucking Hell **5.00** Traffic Cops: targeting county line gangs
6.00pm **Police Interceptors** Jaffa spots a speeding car in town without its lights on.
7.00 A Peugeot driver in Nottingham tries to give interceptor Ky Kirk the slip.
8.00 A suspected stolen Mini is pursued in icy Nottingham, reaching speeds of 80mph.
9.00 **Motorway Cops: Catching Britain's Speeders** PC Amy Hollis is called to the scene of a two-vehicle collision.
10.00 **Outback Truckers** Matt Adams gets himself into trouble as he transports a bull.
11.00 **Fights, Camera, Action!** Wild, dramatic and crazy confrontations.
12 midnight 999: Criminals Caught on Camera: a violent man with knives **1.00am** Lucifer **2.00** Professionals **2.55** Wanted **3.45** World's Deadliest Weather: Caught on Camera **4.35-5.00am** Criminals: Caught on Camera
5 Action F'view 33 F'sat 132 Sky 150 Virgin 187/HD 150

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9.00am Entertainment News **9.10** **FILM** Shoelaces for Christmas ★★ Drama **11.05** **FILM** Tidings of Joy: Christmas in Evergreen ★★ Romance **1.00** GPs: behind Closed Doors **3.00** Cash in the Attic: four editions
6.00pm **World's Most Scenic River Journeys** Canada's far northern reaches.
7.00 **Lighthouses: Building the Impossible** Scotland's Bell Rock lighthouse.
8.00 **Iceland with Alexander Armstrong,** Alexander heads to the south of the country.
9.00 **The Great Storm of '87** The extraordinary events of 16 October 1987.
10.35 **Forged in Fire** Double bill.
12.30am Secrets of the SAS: in Their Own Words
1.30 The Battle for Britain: Drain the Oceans
2.30 Atomic Ghost Fleet: Drain the Oceans
3.25 Around the World by Train with Tony Robinson **3.50-4.00am** Entertainment News
5 Select F'view (HD only) 56 F'sat 133 Sky 153 Virgin 152

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BBC News Freeview 231 Freesat 212 Sky 503 Virgin 601 **Sky News** Freeview 233 Freesat 202 Sky 501 Virgin 603 BT 313

TUESDAY Freeview & films

PBS America 84



Saints and Sinners 6.10pm
With Dr Janina Ramirez

8.00am Saints and Sinners: a Millennium of Monasteries (S) **9.30** 1066: a Year to Conquer England **10.50** WWII in the Pacific **11.55** Inside Japan's War (S) **1.00pm** Beautiful Serengeti **1.30** Saints and Sinners: a Millennium of Monasteries (S) **2.50** 1066: a Year to Conquer England **4.00** WWII in the Pacific **5.00** Inside Japan's War (S)

6.10pm Saints and Sinners: a Millennium of Monasteries 1/3 How monasteries shaped every aspect of medieval Britain. (S)

7.25 1066: a Year to Conquer England 1/3. Events leading up to the Battle of Hastings.

8.35 WWII in the Pacific 1/3 Japan's bombing of the US Pacific Fleet at Pearl Harbor.

9.40 Inside Japan's War 1/4 An insight into Imperial Japan's military motives and culture. (S)

10.45 1066: a Year to Conquer England As 7.25pm.

12 midnight WWII in the Pacific **1.05-2.00am** Beautiful Serengeti
PBS America F'view 84 (1pm-12 midnight only)
Freesat 155 **Sky** 174 **Virgin** 273

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7.00am Border Security: America's Front Line **8.00** Motorway Patrol **9.00** Police Ten **7 10.00** Nothing to Declare **11.00** Highway Patrol **12 noon** Highway Cops (AD) **1.00pm** Border Patrol **2.00** Border Security: America's Front Line **3.00** Nothing to Declare (AD) **4.00** Star Trek: the Next Generation **5.00** Star Trek: Enterprise **6.00** Star Trek: Deep Space Nine **7.00** Hawaii Five-O: McGarret enlists hacker Aaron Wright **8.00** Nothing to Declare **9.00** **New series.** FBI: double bill. OA goes under cover, then a blogger's son goes missing (AD) **11.00** Killer in My Village: the murder of model Andre Nunes **12 midnight** Britain's Most Evil Killers: Daniel Gonzalez **1.00am** Hawaii Five-O **2.00** Nothing to Declare (AD) **3.00** Border Patrol **4.00** Motorway Patrol **5.00-6.00am** Police Ten 7

Pick F'view 36 F'sat 144 **Sky** 151 **Virgin** 156

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7.00am Escape to the Country (AD) **8.00** The Restoration Man **9.00** A Place in the Sun: Home or Away **10.00** Homes under the Hammer **11.00** Escape to the Country **12 noon** My Lottery Dream Home International **1.00pm** Married to Real Estate **2.00** For the Love of Kitchens **3.00** The Restoration Man **4.00** Home Town **5.00** Homes under the Hammer **6.00** A Place in the Sun: Home or Away **7.00** Escape to the Country **9.00** **New.** My Lottery Dream Home **10.00** **New.** Unsellable Houses **11.00** Married to Real Estate **12 midnight** Escape to the Country **1.00am** Homes under the Hammer **2.00** Home Town **3.00-4.00am** My Lottery Dream Home International

HGTV F'view 44 F'sat 166 **Sky** 158 **Virgin** 286
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Smithsonian 57



Master of Glass: the Art of Dale Chihuly 8.00pm

6.00am Aerial America (HD) **7.00** Air Warriors (HD) **10.00** Aerial Argentina **11.00** Food Factories: How They Work (HD) **12 noon** The Pacific War in Colour (HD) **4.00pm** Aerial Argentina: double bill

6.00pm Food Factories: How They Work Gregg Wallace examines the processes used to manufacture family meals. (HD)

7.00 Inside the Christmas Factory Processes behind the nation's favourite festive treats. (HD)

8.00 New. Master of Glass: the Art of Dale Chihuly Charting the life and work of the American glass artist and entrepreneur.

9.00 Searching for Secrets 3/6 How a Victorian gas lamp helped solve London's sewage problem. (HD)

10.00 5/6. The dark and little-known secrets of Paris. (HD)

11.00 Master of Glass: the Art of Dale Chihuly As 8pm.

12 midnight Searching for Secrets (HD) **2.00am** Air Warriors (HD) **3.00-6.00am** Aerial America (HD)

Smithsonian Freeview (HD only) 57
Freesat 175 **Sky** 171 **Virgin** 276

Great TV 50

6.00am Sue Thomas: F.B.Eye **8.00** Highway to Heaven **10.00** **FILM** Instant Message ★★ Romantic comedy **11.50** Movie News **12 noon** Castle **1.00pm** Body of Proof **3.00** Sue Thomas: F.B.Eye **5.00** Murder, She Wrote **7.00** M*A*S*H: four episodes **9.00** Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased) **10.00** The Persuaders! **11.00** Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? **12 midnight** M*A*S*H: four episodes **2.00am** Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased) **3.00** Sue Thomas: F.B.Eye **4.30-6.00am** Highway to Heaven

Great TV Freeview 50 (limited) **Freesat** 142
Sky 157 **Virgin** 189 **+1** **Freesat** 143 **Sky** 257

RealityXtra 68

9.00am Perry Mason **11.00** Matlock **12.05pm** NCIS **1.00** JAG **3.00** Perry Mason **5.00** Unsolved Mysteries **6.55** Judge Judy **9.00** NCIS: The team investigates crime scenes that seem to echo previous cases **10.00** Unsolved Mysteries: double bill. The case of a body found at the bottom of a pond, then the bizarre disappearance of a Louisiana woman **11.55** Judge Judy **2.00am** NCIS **3.00** Evidence of Evil **5.00-6.00am** Matlock

RealityXtra Freeview 68 **Freesat** 134
Sky 147 **Virgin** 197

BBC Parliament 232

7.00am Defence Questions **8.00** House of Commons **9.30** Live Select Committees: the work of committees set up to investigate public policy and society **11.30** Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office Questions **12.30pm** Live House of Commons: coverage of the day's proceedings **7.30** Live House of Lords **10.00** Welsh First Minister's Questions **11.00** Lords Questions **11.40-7.30am** House of Lords

BBC Parliament Freeview 232 **Freesat** 201
Sky 504 **Virgin** 605

Food Network 43



Gordon's Ultimate Seasonal Specials 9.00pm Family time

6.00am Santa's Baking Blizzard (HD) **7.00** Christmas Cookie Challenge (HD) **8.00** James Martin: Home Comforts at Christmas (S) (AD) (HD) **9.00** Gordon's Ultimate Seasonal Specials (S) (HD) **10.00** The Pioneer Woman (S) (HD) **10.30** Barefoot Contessa (S) (HD) **11.00** River Cottage Christmas Fayre **12 noon** Jamie's Christmas with Bells On (S) (AD) (HD) **1.00pm** Mary Berry's Country House at Christmas (S) (HD) **2.00** James Martin: Home Comforts at Christmas (S) (AD) (HD) **3.00** Gordon's Ultimate Seasonal Specials (S) (HD) **4.00** River Cottage Christmas Fayre **5.00** The Pioneer Woman (S) (HD) **5.30** Barefoot Contessa (S) (HD) **6.00** Mary Berry's Country House at Christmas (S) (HD) **7.00** Jamie's Christmas with Bells On (S) (AD) (HD) **8.00** James Martin: Home Comforts at Christmas (S) (AD) (HD) **9.00** Gordon's Ultimate Seasonal Specials (S) (HD) **10.00** Mary Berry's Country House at Christmas (S) (HD) **11.00** **New.** Cake Wars (HD) **12 midnight** River Cottage Christmas Fayre **1.00am** Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives (S) (HD) **2.00-3.00am** Michel Roux's French Country Cooking (S) (AD) (HD)

Food Network Freeview 43 **Freesat** 148
Sky 140 **Virgin** 285

Blaze 64

6.00am Hardcore Pawn **7.45** Storm Stories **8.40** Ancient Aliens **10.40** Storage Wars Canada **11.10** Storage Wars **12.10pm** Pawn Stars **2.05** Hardcore Pawn **4.00** Ancient Aliens **6.00** Storm Stories **7.00** Auction Hunters: Pawn Shop Edition **8.00** Dickinson's Real Deal **9.00** The Mothman Legacy: the legend of the Mothman, a creature seen by some as a harbinger of doom **10.40** Monsterquest: divers probe the depths of the North Pacific, where the world's largest known species of octopus lives **11.40** Ancient X Files: exploring ancient artefacts and tales of creatures that defy explanation **12.40am** Pirate Traders **1.35** Storage Wars **2.00** Auction Hunters: Pawn Shop Edition **3.00** Dickinson's Real Deal: Northampton **3.45** Storage Wars Canada **4.10-6.00am** Pawn Stars

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Challenge 48

7.00am The Chase **10.00** Supermarket Sweep **11.00** Family Fortunes **12 noon** Wheel of Fortune: spin-the-wheel game show (AD) **1.00pm** Catchphrase (AD) **2.00** Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? **3.00** Family Fortunes: hosted by Bob Monkhouse (AD) **4.00** Bruce's Price Is Right (AD) **5.00** Bullseye: darts-based quiz **6.00pm** Cash Trapped **7.00** Pointless Celebrities: with Alistair McGowan, Ronni Ancona, Jon Culshaw, Jan Ravens, Rory Bremner, Matt Forde, Francine Lewis and Danny Posthill **8.00** The Chase **10.00** Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? **11.00** Bullseye **12 midnight** The Chase: hosted by Bradley Walsh **4.00am** Scrapheap Challenge: the Crash Bang Clan and the Super Models try to construct fire engines **5.00-6.00am** Bullseye

Challenge Freeview 48 **Freesat** 146
Sky 145 **Virgin** 160

CHILDREN'S

Milkshake! on C5

5.35am Peppa Pig **5.40** Fireman Sam **5.50** Pip and Posy **6.00** Peppa Pig **6.10** The Secret Life of Puppies **6.15** Oggy Oggy **6.25** Blue's Clues & You **6.45** Fireman Sam **6.55** Thomas & Friends: All Engines Go! **7.10** Peppa Pig **7.30** Paw Patrol **7.50** Milo **8.05** Pip and Posy **8.15** Paddington **8.30** Paw Patrol **8.45** Daisy & Ollie **8.55** Odo **9.05** Sunny Bunnies **9.10-9.15am** **New.** Let's Go Treasure Seeking!

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6.00am Raa Raa **6.10** Bing **6.15** Teletubbies **6.30** Tee and Mo **6.40** Tish Tash **6.45** Chuggington **6.55** Bing **7.05** Hey Duggee **7.20** Bluey **7.35** Go Jetters **7.45** Peter Rabbit **8.00** Bing **8.20** Hey Duggee **8.30** Alphablocks **8.35** Justin's House: Cat's First Christmas **9.00** Bing **9.10** Yakka Dee! **9.15** Messy Goes to OKIDO **9.25** Colourblocks **9.30** Twirlywoos **9.45** Something Special **10.05** Teletubbies **10.20** The Baby Club **10.35** Tiny Wonders **10.40** Hey Duggee **10.45** Roots and Fruits **10.50** Kiri & Lou **11.00** Olga Da Polga **11.10** Let's Go for a Walk **11.25** School of Roars **11.30** Teeny Tiny Creatures **11.45** Our Family **12 noon** My World Kitchen **12.10pm** Andy's Dinosaur Adventures **12.25** Waffle **12.35** Tee and Mo **12.45** Go Jetters **1.00** Yakka Dee! **1.05** Numberblocks **1.10** Alphablocks **1.15** Dog Loves Books **1.25** Hey Duggee **1.30** Love Monster **1.40** Nick Cope's Popcast: Elf **1.45** Something Special **2.05** My Petsaurus **2.05** Teletubbies **2.20** Bluey **2.30** Go Jetters **2.40** My Petsaurus **2.40** Ranger Hamza's Eco Quest **2.55** Grace's Amazing Machines **3.10** Swashbuckle **3.35** Hey Duggee **3.45** Teeny Tiny Creatures **4.00** Dog Squad **4.10** Go Jetters **4.25** Bluey **4.35** Supertato **4.45** Spidey and His Amazing Friends **5.00** **New.** Mr Bear's Christmas **5.10** Bing **5.30** Waffle the Wonder Dog **5.45** Moon and Me **6.10** Clangers **6.20** In the Night Garden... **6.50-7.00pm** Bedtime Stories

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CBBC 201

7.00am Shaun the Sheep **7.05** Sketchy Comedy **7.10** Danger Mouse **7.20** Dennis & Gnasher **7.35** Boy Girl Dog Cat **7.45** **New.** Newsround **7.55** Ninja Express **8.10** Odd Squad **8.25** Do Try This at Home **8.35** Gym Stars **9.00** The Next Step **9.25** Deadly 60 **9.50** Nine Minute Ninja **10.00** Horrible Histories **10.30** Operation Ouch 5!; Our CBBC **11.00** Bitesize Daily **11.20** Wow That's Amazing **11.35** One Zoo Three **12 noon** Our School **12.20pm** Dragons: Riders of Berk **12.45** Boy Girl Dog Cat **12.55** Shaun the Sheep **1.05** Almost Never **2.00** Blue Peter **2.30** 4 o'Clock Club **3.00** Diddy Bits **3.05** **New.** Clipheads **3.20** **New.** Best in the World **3.35** Dennis & Gnasher **3.50** Danger Mouse **4.10** Odd Squad **4.25** **New.** Monster Loving Maniacs **4.40** **New.** Dragons: the Nine Realms **5.00** **New.** We Bare Bears **5.15** **New.** Summer Camp Island **5.30** All at Sea **6.00** Class Dismissed **6.20** Blue Peter Challenges **6.30** Secret Life of Boys **6.35-7.00pm** **New.** The Next Step

CBBC F'view 201 F'sat 607 **Sky** 607 **Virgin** 701

CITV

6.00am Scooby-Doo **6.25** Dare Master **6.30** Thunderbirds Are Go **7.00** Mr Magoo **7.30** Lloyd of the Flies **7.45** Dave Spud **8.00** Inspector Gadget **8.15** Dorg Van Dango **8.30** Scooby-Doo **9.50** Dave Spud **10.00** Teen Titans Go! **10.30** DC Super Hero Girls **11.00** Mr Bean: the Animated Series **11.30** Mr Magoo **12 noon** Mighty Mike **12.35pm** Makeaway Takeaway **1.00** How **1.30** Spy School **1.55** Tata and Kuma **2.00** Robozuna **2.30** Thunderbirds Are Go **2.55** Tata and Kuma **3.00** Captain Underpants **3.30** Scooby-Doo **4.30** **New.** Mr Magoo **5.00** Lloyd of the Flies **5.15** Dave Spud **5.30** Inspector Gadget **5.45** Dorg Van Dango **6.00** Makeaway Takeaway **6.30** Teen Titans Go! **7.00** Camp Cretaceous **7.30** Scooby-Doo **8.00** How **8.25** Mr Bean: the Animated Series **8.55-9.00pm** Dare Master

CITV F'view 203 F'sat 602 **Sky** 612 **Virgin** 734

FILMS

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11.00am Bugles in the Afternoon ★★ Routine love-triangle cavalry western. Ray Milland (1952, U) (S) (AD)
12.45pm The Man from Colorado ★★ Insightful psychological western with Glenn Ford as a military tyrant appointed as judge to govern Colorado. (1948, PG) (S) (AD)
2.50 The Man in the White Suit ★★★★★ Razor-sharp Ealing satire starring Alec Guinness as the boffin who invents an indestructible cloth. Joan Greenwood, Cecil Parker (1951, U) (S)

4.35 Star Trek: Generations ★★★★★ Fun multilayered sci-fi adventure featuring members of both the original *Star Trek* and *Next Generation* casts. Patrick Stewart, Jonathan Frakes, Brent Spiner (1994, PG) (S) (AD)

6.50pm Star Trek: First Contact ★★★★★ First-rate sci-fi that sees the *Next Generation* crew travelling back in time to mankind's first alien encounter. **Review, right.** Patrick Stewart (1996, 12) (S) (AD)

9.00 **2 Mile 22** ★★ Action-packed thriller starring Mark Wahlberg as a CIA agent. **Review, right.** Lauren Cohan, Iko Uwais (2018, 18) (S)

10.55 Black Rain ★★ Glossy and violent thriller in which two New York cops travel to Osaka to track down a yakuza gangster. Michael Douglas, Andy Garcia (1989, 15) (S)

1.20-4.00am **La Civil** ★★ Gripping, ultra-realistic crime thriller about a Mexican mother who turns vigilante. Arcelia Ramirez (2021, 15)

Film4 Freeview 14 **Freesat** 300
Sky 313 **Virgin** 428/HD 429
+1 F'view 47 F'sat 301 **Sky** 314 **Virgin** 430

Talking Pictures TV 82

6.00am Q Planes ★★ Terrific espionage romp. Laurence Olivier (1939, U) (S)
7.35 Hog Wild ★★★★★ Knockabout, typically inventive Laurel and Hardy short. (1930, U) (S) **7.55 Escape by Night** ★★ Low-budget British crime flick. Sidney James (1953) (S) **9.30 Interpol Calling** TV drama. **10.00 A Scandal in Paris** ★★ Polished satirical period romp. George Sanders (1946) (S)

12.05pm Life with Father ★★★★★ Delightful comedy in which a man's moral standards make life difficult for his family. William Powell, Irene Dunne (1947, U) (S) **2.30 Sherlock Holmes** TV mystery series. (S) **3.00 Treasure Hunt** ★★ Fun, knockabout comedy starring Jimmy Edwards. **Review, right.** (1952, U) (S) **4.40 Return to Yesterday** ★★ Well-meaning but mediocre drama. Clive Brook (1940, U) (S)

6.00pm Scotland Yard British TV crime series.

6.35 Dick Barton: Special Agent ★ Stilted adaptation of the popular radio series. Don Stannard (1948, U) (S)

8.00 Maigret 1960s TV drama. (S)

9.05 The Weapon ★★ An accidental shooting reopens an unsolved murder case in this taut thriller. Steve Cochran, Elizabeth Scott (1956) (S)

11.00 Public Eye TV drama series.

12.05am Maniac ★★ This thriller takes a while to take but once the plot gets going, it's an agreeably jumpy ride. Kerwin Mathews (1962, 12) (S) **1.55 The Face behind the Mask** ★★★★★ Moody horror starring Peter Lorre as a man whose disfigurement leads him to madness and tragedy. Peter Lorre (1941) (S) **3.20 Tales That Witness**

Madness ★★ Collection of four horror stories. Jack Hawkins (1973, 18) (S) **5.10-6.00am Blow Your Own Trumpet** ★★ Michael Crawford's gently funny movie debut. (1958, U) (S)

Talking Pictures TV Freeview 82
Freesat 306 **Sky** 328 **Virgin** 445

FILM REVIEWS



FILM OF THE DAY

The Other Guys ★★★

9.00-11.15pm **ITV4**

12

ACTION COMEDY This mismatched-cops caper takes several well-aimed swipes at the action genre, blending knockabout farce with quick-witted humour. Will Ferrell and Mark Wahlberg play deskbound detectives envious of their all-guns-blazing colleagues (played by Samuel L Jackson and Dwayne Johnson). But they get their chance to shine while investigating a billionaire fraudster's building-permit violation. What could have been a bog-standard buddy movie is elevated by the two terrific leads and fine supporting cast. **TERRY STAUNTON** (US 2010, violence, swearing, sexual references, HD)

The Quick and the Dead ★★★

2.30-4.25pm

Great Movies Action

PG

WESTERN With its spaghetti-western stylings and nods to *Friendly Persuasion* and *Shane*, this is a superior made-for-TV movie. The story is involving and well told by director Robert Day, and the performances (from Tom Conti, Sam Elliott and Kate Capshaw) elevate it further. Only the uncertain re-creation of frontier life in the 1870s lets it down. **DAVID PARKINSON** (US TVM 1987)

Treasure Hunt ★★★

3.00-4.40pm

Talking Pictures TV

U

COMEDY Artist/novelist/screenwriter John Paddy Carstairs adapts MJ Farrell and John Perry's hit stage play, capturing much of the eccentric charm of the piece. The story sees an Irish family that has mislaid its fortune take in lodgers to make ends meet. The top-drawer cast is headed by Jimmy Edwards in a dual role. **DICK FIDDY** (UK 1952)

Star Trek: First Contact

★★★★★

6.50-9.00pm **Film4**

12

SCI-FI In this first-rate outing featuring the *Next Generation* cast, the Borg travels back in time to sabotage that pivotal

moment when we first made contact with an alien race. What else can Captain Picard (Patrick Stewart) do except follow and sort things out? Epic in scope and featuring awesome special effects, it's captivating stuff, and expertly directed by Jonathan Frakes, who also plays Commander Riker. Film4's *Trek* season continues tomorrow with *Insurrection*. **ALAN JONES** (US 1996, edited for content, HD)

The Holiday ★★

8.00-10.45pm **ITV2**

12

ROMCOM Cameron Diaz and Kate Winslet headline this festive film, playing two women from opposite sides of the Atlantic who swap houses for Christmas and find unexpected romance. Diaz and Jude Law make an engaging couple, but Winslet and Jack Black are a more awkward pairing. The film's funny moments are as thinly scattered as the English snow, which keeps disappearing and then reappearing throughout. **STELLA PAPAMICHAEL** (US 2006, swearing, HD)

Mile 22 ★★

9.00-10.55pm **Film4**

18

ADVENTURE Mark Wahlberg is up to his neck in trouble as a CIA operative in charge of escorting a valuable foreign asset (played by *The Raid*'s

Iko Uwais) on a life-or-death trek to an airbase. Wahlberg is firmly in his alpha-male comfort zone, but the staccato editing and odd camera angles only add to the feeling that the film is all flash and no narrative bang. **JAMES LUXFORD** (US 2018, violence, swearing, HD)

The Young Offenders

★★★★★

10.00-11.20pm **BBC3**

15

COMEDY Inspired by the true story of a large narcotics seizure in 2007, writer/director Peter Foott's gleefully episodic Irish caper follows two doopey wasters (Chris Walley and Alex Murphy) as they seek to escape their nagging parents. The bromantic banter and the moments of bleakly bruising slapstick make this impeccably paced comedy hugely enjoyable. **DP** (Ire 2016, violence, swearing, sex scenes, HD)

The Kid Stays in the Picture ★★★

11.00pm-1.00am

Sky Documentaries

15

DOCUMENTARY Brett Morgen and Nanette Burstein's film about Robert Evans is like the legendary Hollywood producer's movies themselves: bold, innovatively shot and highly entertaining. It's essential viewing for anyone interested in the stories behind such classics as *Rosemary's Baby* and *The Godfather*. Morgen's latest film, *Moonage Daydream*, arrives on streaming this week – see p44. **SLOAN FREER** (US 2001, swearing, HD)

Sky Cinema picks

Hook ★★★

12.25-2.50pm **Sky Family**
Fun Neverland fantasy. (1991, U)
Sky 306; Virgin 406; BT 506/520

PAW Patrol: the Movie

★★★★ 3.30-5.00pm

Sky Animation

Dogs save the day! (2021, U)
Sky 305; Virgin 412; BT 500/514

Happy Christmas ★★★

6.25-8.00pm **Sky Christmas**
Enjoyable indie comedy. (2014, 15)
Sky 303; Virgin 410; BT 510/524

Nobody ★★★★★

8.00-9.45pm **Sky Best of 2022**
John Wick-style thriller. (2021, 15)
Sky 302; Virgin 402; BT 502/516

Films to stream from p36
Netflix, Amazon, Disney+ and more

Sky Premiere

7.40am Together Together ★★★ Romantic comedy. Ed Helms, Patti Harrison (2021, 15) **9.25 Inbetween Girl ★★★** Drama. (2021) **11.10 The Batman ★★★★★** Starry, ultra-moody take on DC's iconic crime-fighter. Robert Pattinson, Zoë Kravitz (2022, 15) **2.15pm Prancer: a Christmas Tale** As 7.35pm **4.05 The Nan Movie** As 11.05pm **5.45pm Aisha ★★★★★** A Nigerian immigrant to Ireland is caught in bureaucratic limbo in this sincere drama. Letitia Wright, Josh O'Connor (2022, 12) **7.25 Prancer: a Christmas Tale ★★** Warm-hearted family drama about a grandfather who befriends a reindeer. James Cromwell (2022) **9.15 This Christmas ★★★** Feel-good British festive romcom, featuring a host of familiar faces. Alfred Enoch, Kaya Scodelario, Timothy Spall (2022) **11.05 The Nan Movie ★** Catherine Tate stars in this woeful comedy based on her TV character. (2022, 15) **12.45am Inbetween Girl** As 9.25am **2.20 Aisha** As 5.45pm **4.00 The Phantom of the Open ★★★★★** Comedy drama. Mark Rylance (2021) **5.50 Sky Cinema Preview**
Sky Premiere Sky 301 Virgin 401 BT 501/HD 515 +1 Sky 312

Great Movies

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9.00am Murder Unresolved ★★ Thriller. Nicholle Tom (2015) **11.00 Killer Cover Up ★★** Thriller. René Ashton (2021) **1.00pm Signed, Sealed, Delivered** **3.00 The Nurse ★★** Camp thriller about a home carer who wreaks havoc on her patient's family. Willa Ford, Brigid Brannagh (2014) **5.00 Air Collision ★★** Ludicrous but watchable action thriller. Reginald VelJohnson (2012) **7.00pm Your Family or Your Life ★★** A doctor's world is turned upside down when she finds her husband dead. Jennie Garth (2019) **9.00 Baby Driver ★★** Wheel-spinning thriller that feels a little too much like style over substance. Ansel Elgort, Lily James, (2017, 15) **11.20 The Score ★★★★★** Smart thriller with Marlon Brando, Robert De Niro and Edward Norton. (2001, 15) **1.45am The Road ★★★★★** Sober post-apocalypse drama in which a man and his son make a perilous journey across America. Viggo Mortensen (2009, 15) **4.00-5.50am A Fatal Reunion ★★** Thriller. Kim Director (2018)
Great Movies Freeview 34 Freesat 302 Sky 321 Virgin 425 +1 Freeview 61 (limited 10pm-5am) Sky 322

Great Movies Christmas

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6.00am A Bride for Christmas ★★ Romcom. (2012) **8.00 Hats Off to Christmas ★★** Drama. (2013) **10.00 Christmas Collision ★★** Romantic drama. (2021, PG) **12 noon The Christmas Contract ★★** Syrupy romance. (2018) **2.00pm Oh Christmas Tree ★★** Romantic comedy. (2013) **4.00 Love Strikes Twice ★★** Romantic comedy. (2017) **6.00pm Crazy for Christmas ★★** Typically life-affirming festive tale. Andrea Roth, Howard Hesseman (2005, PG) **8.00 The Santa Suit ★★** A businessman learns the true meaning of Christmas. Kevin Sorbo (2010) **10.00 A Family for the Holidays ★★** A romance is complicated by a family secret. Erin Krakow (2017) **12 midnight Dashing through the Snow ★★** Comedy. (2015) **2.10am Highway to Heaven** **3.00 Alone for Christmas ★** Comedy. (2013, PG) **4.30-6.00am 12 Dog Days till Christmas ★★** Comedy drama. (2014, U)
Great Movies Christmas F'view 52 (limited) Freesat 303 Sky 319 Virgin 424 +1 F'view 63 (limited 10pm-5am) F'sat 304 Sky 320

TCM Movies

7.05am The Man from UNCLE **8.10 Ice Station Zebra ★★★★★** Watchable adventure. Rock Hudson, Ernest Borgnine (1968, U) **11.15 The Man from UNCLE: double bill** **1.30pm Murder Most Foul ★★★★★** Entertaining murder mystery. Margaret Rutherford, Ron Moody (1964, U) **3.20 The Hired Gun ★★** B-movie western. Rory Calhoun (1957, U) **4.40 Westbound ★★★★★** Decent western. Randolph Scott, Virginia Mayo (1959, U) **6.10pm Rio Bravo ★★★★★** Classic western in which a tough sheriff stands firm against a powerful cattle baron. John Wayne, Dean Martin (1958, PG) **9.00 Empire State ★★** Strange-but-true crime yarn. Liam Hemsworth, Emma Roberts, Dwayne Johnson (2013, 15) **11.00 The Expendables ★★** Sylvester Stallone and his veteran mercenaries are hired to overthrow a ruthless Latin dictator. (2010, 18) **1.10am Easter Parade ★★★★★** A dancer decides to groom a chorus girl for stardom in this joyous musical. Judy Garland, Fred Astaire (1948, U) **3.00 Hollywood's Best Film Directors** **3.30 Close Up** **5.00 Hollywood's Best Film Directors**
TCM Movies Sky 315 Virgin 415/HD 416 +1 Sky 316 Virgin 417

Great Movies Action

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6.00am M*A*S*H **7.00 Crash Dive ★★** Action thriller. Michael Dudikoff (1996, 15) **8.45 End of the World ★★** Sci-fi comedy drama. Greg Grunberg (2013) **10.45 The Luftwaffe** **12 noon M*A*S*H** **1.00pm Conquest of Cochise ★★★★★** Western. John Hodiak, Robert Stack (1953, U) **2.30 The Quick and the Dead ★★★★★** Superior TV-movie western. **Review, right.** Sam Elliott, Tom Conti (1987, PG) **4.25 Wings at War 2: Target Germany** **5.30 Field Punishment No 1 ★★** First World War drama. Fraser Brown (2014) **7.15pm Solar Flare ★** A maths whizz races against time. (2008) **9.00 Beyond the Law ★★** Run-of-the-mill revenge thriller. Steven Seagal, Johnny Messner, DMX (2019, 15) **10.55 Sniper Elite ★★** A sharpshooter is trapped in this slapdash sci-fi tale. Matthew Reese (2014, 15) **12.50am Operation Dunkirk ★** Wartime adventure. Ifan Meredith (2017, 15) **2.45-4.00am Operation Dames ★★** Wartime romance. Eve Meyer (1959, PG)
Great Movies Action Freeview 42 (limited) F'sat 305 Sky 323 Virgin 426 +1 Sky 324

Legend

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8.00am Walker, Texas Ranger **9.00 Knight Rider** **10.00 Star Trek: the Next Generation** **11.00 Megalodon ★★** Low-budget take on shark flick *The Meg*. Michael Madsen (2018, 15) **1.00pm The Monster Hunters ★★** Low-budget but well-paced sci-fi thriller. Tom Sizemore (2020, 15) **3.00 Battlestar Wars ★** Zero-budget, CGI-heavy sci-fi mockbuster. Luke Fattorusso (2020, 12) **5.00 Star Trek** **6.00pm Star Trek: the Next Generation** TV sci-fi adventure. **7.00 Knight Rider** TV sci-fi. **8.00 Walker, Texas Ranger** TV western drama with Chuck Norris. **9.00 The Rezort ★★★★★** In this entertaining horror, tourists can pay to run around an island and shoot real zombies. Dougray Scott (2015, 15) **10.50 Universal Soldier ★★★★★** A super-soldier programme goes wrong when a subject regains his memory. Jean-Claude Van Damme (1992, 18) **12.50am What Keeps You Alive ★★★★★** Tense, well-plotted suspense thriller. Hannah Emily Anderson (2018, 15) **2.45-4.30am Firequake ★★** Sci-fi action thriller. Alexandra Paul (2014, 12)
Legend F'view 41 F'sat 137 Sky 148 Virgin 149

Sky Showcase



Spider-Man 2 9.15pm
Dr Octavius causes chaos

6.00am The Early Rundown **7.00** Kay Burley **8.00** Hope for Wildlife (S) **9.00** Nothing to Declare (S) **10.00** Supergirl (S) **11.00** NCIS: New Orleans (S) **1.00pm** Hawaii Five-O (S) **2.00** S.W.A.T. (S) (AD) **3.00** Big Beasts: Last of the Giants (S) (AD) **4.00** Will & Grace (S) (AD) **5.00** The Simpsons (S) **5.30** Futurama (S)

6.30pm The Simpsons

Lisa starts dating a layabout.

7.00 An episode set 30 years in the future, when divorcee Bart is locked in a custody battle.

7.30 Bart starts using voodoo. (S)

8.00 Predators 1/5. A brotherhood of cheetahs lose their hunting ground to a bushfire.

9.15 Spider-Man 2 ★★★★★

Fantasy action adventure starring Tobey Maguire. Peter Parker is struggling to balance his dual identities as a student and a superhero. He finds his life further complicated by the appearance of a multi-tentacled villain... (S) (W)

11.35 A League of Their Own

With Joel Dommett, Maisie Adam, Alex Brooker, Tony Bellew, Eve Muirhead, John Barnes, David Seaman and H from Steps.

12.35am An Idiot Abroad (S) (AD) **1.30** Avenue 5 **2.40** Road Wars (S) **3.10** Hawaii Five-O **4.05** S.W.A.T. (S) (AD) **5.00-6.00am** The Early Rundown

Sky Showcase Sky 106 Virgin 110/HD 109 BT 340/HD 355 **+1** Sky 206

Sky Sci-Fi

6.00am Fact or Faked: Paranormal Files **7.00** The Librarians **8.00** Home Shopping **11.00** V **12 noon** Star Trek: the Next Generation **2.00pm** Warehouse 13 **3.00** The Librarians **4.00** V: Diana escapes from custody **5.00** Stargate SG-1: a reporter jeopardises the project

6.00pm Star Trek: the Next Generation 26/26 Series 3

Picard is kidnapped by the Borg. **7.00** 1/26 Series 4. Riker faces a life-or-death decision.

8.00 Merlin 1/13 Series 3. Arthur loses hope that Morgana will ever be found, but when she reappears, King Uther's behaviour makes Merlin wonder whose side she's on.

9.00 Stan Lee's Lucky Man

3/10 Series 2. Harry is caught up in a dangerous investigation into a Smithfield market butcher.

10.00 4/10. East London's technology district comes under scrutiny when a driverless car is hacked, causing it to crash and kills its passenger.

11.00 Chucky Ep 5 Series 2

Devon worries that Good Chucky cannot be trusted, while a surprise party causes Tiffany to spiral.

12 midnight Ep 6. The Catholic School of the Incarnate Lord goes on lockdown with the dolls inside. Nica moves forward with her plan.

1.00am Wynonna Earp **2.00** Stargate SG-1 **3.00** V **4.00-6.00am** Star Trek: the Next Generation

Sky Sci-Fi Sky 139 Virgin 139/HD 138 BT 348/HD 363 **+1** Virgin 229

Sky Atlantic



Game of Thrones 9.00pm
Ned Stark has trust issues

6.00am Fish Town (S) 7.45

Gomorrah (S) **10.00** True Blood: double bill. Truman Burrell declares war, then a long-lost relative reveals himself (S) **12.15pm** Game of Thrones (S) (AD) **1.20** True Detective (S) (AD) **3.30** Gomorrah: Italian +subtitles

5.45pm The Baby 1/8

Comedy drama starring Michelle de Swarte, offering a raw examination of motherhood. (S) (AD)

6.30 I Hate Suzie 1/8.

Comedy drama starring Billie Piper. A former teen idol's life implodes when her phone is hacked. (S) (AD) **7.10 2/8.** When no one believes her claims about the photos, Suzie decides to distract herself. (S) (AD)

7.55 Game of Thrones 3/10

Series 1. Ned struggles to deal with the king's advisers. (S)

9.00 4/10. Ned searches for the truth about Jon Arryn's death.

10.05 5/10. A suspicious death threatens to overshadow the tournament. Catelyn takes Tyrion to her sister's fortress. (S) (AD)

11.10 6/10. Ned investigates rumours about the Lannisters. Tyrion tries to escape. (S) (AD)

12.15am I Hate Suzie (S) (AD) **1.35** Winning Time: the Rise of the Lakers Dynasty (S) (AD) **2.40** The White Lotus **3.45** In Treatment (S)

4.15-6.00am

Fish Town (S)

Sky Atlantic Sky 108 (Wales 109)

BT 342/HD 357 **+1** Sky 208 (Wales 209)

Sky Witness

6.00am 911 Crisis Centre (HD) **7.00** Border Patrol (S) (HD) **9.00** Road Wars (S) **10.00** Paramedics Australia (HD) **11.00** The Good Doctor (S) (HD) **12 noon** The Rookie (HD) **1.00pm** FBI (HD) **2.00** Blue Bloods (S) (AD) (HD) **3.00** Nothing to Declare (S)

6.00pm 911 Crisis Centre Ep 3

Series 2. Two editions of the series following the first responders of an emergency call centre in Chagrin Valley, Ohio. (HD)

7.00 New. Paramedics Australia

Ep 7 Series 4. Alarm bells ring as a healthy young man suddenly suffers multiple seizures. (HD)

8.00 Blue Bloods 5/20 Series 12

Danny and Baez go out of their way to help a desperate man find his missing sister. (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 New. The Good Doctor

Ep 7 Series 6. Dr Andrews must split the doctors into teams to ensure a woman pregnant with sextuplets delivers safely. (HD)

10.00 New. Bull 16/22 Series 6

Jason has TAC lead the defence for his ex-girlfriend after she is accused of murder. (HD)

11.00 Blue Bloods 2/20 Series 12

Tension escalates between Frank and Mayor Chase. (S) (AD) (HD)

12 midnight

9-1-1 (S) (HD) **1.00am** New Amsterdam: double bill (HD)

3.00 Chicago Med (S) (HD)

4.00 Chicago Fire (S) (HD)

5.00-6.00am Chicago PD (S) (HD)

Sky Witness Sky 107 Virgin 112/HD 111

BT 341/HD 356 **+1** Sky 207 Virgin 220

Sky Max



We're Here 11.00pm
Another one-night drag performance

6.00am Stop, Search, Seize (S) (HD) **8.00** DC's Legends of Tomorrow (S) (AD) (HD) **9.00** The Blacklist (S) (AD) (HD) **10.00** Supergirl (S) (HD) **11.00** NCIS: New Orleans (S) (HD) **1.00pm** Hawaii Five-O (HD) **2.00** S.W.A.T. (S) (AD) (HD) **3.00** The Blacklist (S) (AD) (HD) **4.00** DC's Legends of Tomorrow (S) (AD) (HD) **5.00** Supergirl (S) (HD)

6.00pm NCIS: New Orleans

1/24 Series 2. A state-of-the-art guided missile is stolen. (S) (HD)

7.00 2/24. A crusading blogger is found dead. (S) (HD)

8.00 There's Something about Christmas Movies 7/7 Series 4

Festive special, with Thomas Brodie-Sangster, Susan Wokoma and James Acaster. (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 An Idiot Abroad 2/3

Series 3. Karl and Warwick clown around at the circus. (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 A League of Their Own

With guests including Tony Bellew, Eve Muirhead and John Barnes. (HD)

11.00 New. We're Here Ep 3

Series 3. A group of small-town residents participate in a one-night drag performance. (HD)

12.10am A Kylie Christmas: a special festive concert at London's Royal Albert Hall (S) (HD) **2.05** Road Wars (HD) **3.00** Hawaii Five-O (HD)

4.00 S.W.A.T. (S) (AD) (HD) **5.00-6.00am** Highway Patrol (S) (AD)

Sky Max Sky 113 (Wales 114) Virgin 122/HD 121 BT 346/HD 361

Sky Replay

7.00am Sixth Sense with Colin Fry (S) **8.00** Four Weddings (S) (AD) **10.00** The Force: Manchester (S) (HD) **11.00** Highway Cops (S) (HD) **12 noon** Police Ten 7 (S) (HD) **1.00pm** Road Wars (S) (HD) **2.00** Stargate SG-1: double bill (S) (HD) **4.00** Alphas: two episodes (S)

6.00pm Most Haunted (S) **8.00** Road Wars: police officers engage in a high-speed pursuit (S) (HD) **9.00** Temple: Daniel crosses a line from which he can never return (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 Redknapp's Big Night Out (S) (AD) (HD) **11.00** The Good Doctor: the doctors deliver sextuplets (HD)

12 midnight Bull: Jason and Izzy come to blows (HD) **12.55am** We're Here (HD)

2.05 A League of Their Own (S) (AD) (HD) **3.00** Duck Quacks Don't Echo (S) (AD) (HD) **4.00** Four Weddings: a Polish wedding (S) (AD) (HD) **5.00-6.00am**

Sixth Sense with Colin Fry (S)

Sky Replay Sky 152 Virgin 180

Sky Crime

6.00am Highway Patrol (S) (HD) **7.00** Motorway Patrol (S) (AD) **8.00** Highway Cops (S) (AD) (HD) **9.00** Nothing to Declare (S) (HD) **10.00** Brit Cops (S) (AD) **11.00** Road Wars (S) **12 noon** The Force: Manchester (S) (HD) **1.00pm** Murders That Shocked the Nation (S) (HD) **2.00** The Real Manhunter (S) (HD) **3.00** Most Evil Killers (S) (HD) **5.00** Murdered at First Sight (S) (AD) (HD) **6.00** Killer in My Village (S) (HD) **7.00** Most Evil Killers (S) (HD) **9.00** New. Most Evil Killers (S) (HD) **10.00** How I Caught the Killer (S) (AD) (HD) **11.00** Most Evil Killers (S) (HD) **1.00am** What the Killer Did Next (HD)

2.00 How I Caught the Killer (S) (AD) (HD) **3.00** Murders That Shocked the Nation (S) (HD) **4.00** Brit Cops (S) (AD)

5.00-6.00am Motorway Patrol (S) (AD)

Sky Crime Sky 122 Virgin 137/HD 136 BT 349/HD 364 **+1** Sky 222 Virgin 221

Gold



Harry Enfield and His Yule Log Chums 10.20pm

7.15am The Two Ronnies (S) **8.40** Citizen Khan (S) (AD) (HD) **9.20** Still Open All Hours (S) (HD) **10.00** Last of the Summer Wine (S) **12 noon** Desmond's **12.40pm** The Green Green Grass (S) (HD) **1.35** Hi-de-Hi! (S) **2.55** Only Fools and Horses (S) (AD) **4.35** dinnerladies (S) (AD)

5.15pm Only Fools and Horses

Del and Rodney get the chance to leave Peckham for Florida. (S) (AD)

6.20 Arriving in America, a local Mafiosi take a shine to Del. (S) (AD)

8.10 Dad's Army Captain Mainwaring's brother visits. (S)

9.00 Mrs Brown's Boys Mrs Brown is curious about a parcel addressed to Cathy. (S) (HD)

9.40 The Royle Family at Christmas

The Royles have surprise guests. (S) (AD)

10.20 Harry Enfield and His Yule Log Chums Festive special of the sketch show from 1998. (AD)

11.15 Mrs Brown's Boys

Cathy is feeling broody. (S) (HD)

11.55 The Cockfields Simon and Esther travel to the Isle of Wight at Christmas. (S) (AD) (HD)

12.55am Peep Show (S) **2.05** The Royle Family at Christmas (S) (AD)

2.45 Mrs Brown's Boys (S) (HD) **3.15-4.00am** Harry Enfield and His Yule Log Chums (AD)

Gold Sky 110 (Wales 111) Virgin 124 BT 344/HD 359 **+1** Sky 210 (Wales 211) Virgin 194

Sky Comedy

8.00am Will & Grace (S) (AD) (HD) **10.00** Entourage (S) (HD) **11.30** The Comeback (S) (HD) **12.45pm** Eastbound & Down (HD) **2.30** The Office US (S) (HD) **3.00** Will & Grace (S) (AD) **5.00** The Office US (S) (HD) **5.30** Futurama (S) (HD)

6.30pm Will & Grace (S) (AD) (HD) **7.30** The Office US (S) (HD) **9.00** New.

Upright: double bill. Meg finally gets the chance to speak to her mother, then Lucky and Meg race back to Sydney (HD) **10.10** Sex and the City (S) (HD)

10.45 The Late Late Show with James Corden (HD) **11.45** New. The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon (HD)

12.45am Avenue 5 (HD) **2.00** New.

Rosie Molloy Gives Up Everything: Rosie decides it is better to cut down than give up completely (HD) **2.30** Ballers (S) (AD) (HD) **3.40** Sex and the City (S) (HD)

4.10-5.00am Will & Grace (S) (AD) (HD)

Sky Comedy Sky 114 (Wales 115) Virgin 135/HD 123 BT 347/HD 362

Comedy Central

8.00am My Wife and Kids (S) (HD) **9.00** The Middle (S) (AD) (HD) **10.00** Last Man Standing (S) (HD) **12 noon** Friends (S) (AD) (HD) **9.00pm** FILM

Definitely, Maybe ★★ Romantic comedy starring Ryan Reynolds, Elizabeth Banks, Rachel Weisz and Isla Fisher. On the eve of his divorce, father Will Hayes is questioned by his daughter about the women he has loved and lost, and the one he eventually married (S) (HD) **11.10** David Spade: My Fake Problems (S) (HD)

12.10am South Park (S) (HD) **1.40** The Ricky Gervais Show (S) (HD) **2.40** Bob's Burgers (S) (HD) **3.10** New. The Daily Show **3.45** Last Man Standing (S) (HD)

4.10-5.00am Friends (S) (AD) (HD)

Comedy Central Sky 112 (Wales 113) Virgin 181/HD 132 BT 345/HD 360

+1 Sky 212 (Wales 213) Virgin 133

Alibi



The Coroner 7.00pm
Jane goes looking for answers

7.10am Murdoch Mysteries (S) (HD) **9.00** Hudson & Rex (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 Unforgettable (S) (HD) **11.00** The Coroner (S) (AD) (HD) **12 noon** WPC 56 (S) (AD) (HD) **1.00pm** Father Brown (S) (AD) (HD) **2.00** Murdoch Mysteries (S) (HD) **4.00** Hudson & Rex (S) (AD) (HD) **5.00** Unforgettable: Carrie investigates a poisoning (S) (HD)

6.00pm Without a Trace 7/23

Series 1. Jack and the team search for an assistant district attorney's infant daughter. (HD)

7.00 The Coroner 7/10 Series 2

Jane investigates the death of a window cleaner. (S) (AD) (HD)

8.00 Father Brown 4/10

Series 9. When a troubled soul from the past returns, the priest must investigate the new chapter of the Church of Apollo. (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 The Coroner 7/10 Series 1

A teenage girl appears to return from the dead. (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 WPC 56 5/5 Series 2

Sergeant Fenton discovers a forger making a fake passport for Lenny Powell. (S) (AD) (HD)

11.00 Without a Trace As 6pm.

12 midnight Hudson & Rex (S) (AD) (HD) **1.00am** Father Brown (S) (AD) (HD) **2.00** WPC 56: Gina deals with a risky case (S) (AD) (HD) **3.00-4.00am** The Coroner (S) (AD) (HD)

Alibi Sky 109 (Wales 110) Virgin 126 BT 343/HD 358 **+1** Sky 209 (Wales 210) Virgin 191

Discovery

6.00am Wheeler Dealers (S) (HD) **7.00** Deadliest Catch (S) (HD) **8.00** Treehouse Masters (S) (HD) **9.00** Building Off the Grid (S) (AD) (HD) **10.00** Alaska: Homestead Rescue (S) (HD) **11.00** Chasing Classic Cars (S) (HD) **12 noon** Outback Truckers (S) (HD) **1.00pm** Gold Rush: White Water (S) (HD) **2.00** Lone Star Law (S) (HD) **3.00** Alaskan Bush People (S) (HD) **4.00** Alaska: the Last Frontier (S) (HD) **5.00** Wheeler Dealers (S) (AD) (HD) **6.00** Garage Rehab (S) (HD) **7.00** Diesel Brothers (S) (HD) **8.00** Outback Truckers (S) (HD) **9.00** New. Gold Rush (HD) **10.00** New. Gold Rush: White Water (HD) **11.00** Naked and Afraid (S) (HD) **12 midnight** Expedition X (S) (HD) **1.00am** Gold Rush (HD) **2.00** Gold Rush: White Water (HD) **3.00** Alaskan Bush People (S) (AD) (HD) **4.00-5.00am** Wheeler Dealers (S) (HD)

Discovery Sky 125 Virgin 250 BT 320/HD 325 **+1** Sky 225 Virgin 258

Discovery History

6.00am Expedition Unknown (S) **7.00** Life After: Chernobyl (S) **8.00** Wings of War (S) **9.00** Combat Dealers (S)

10.00 Extreme Engineering (S) **11.00** Abandoned: Chernobyl's Deadly Secrets (S) **12 noon** Nasa's Unexplained Files (S) **1.00pm** Expedition Unknown (S)

2.00 Tony Robinson's World War One (S) **3.00** Blowing Up History (S) **4.00** Mysteries at the Castle **5.00** Wings of War **6.00** How the Universe Works (S)

7.00 Expedition Unknown (S) **8.00** Combat Dealers (S) **9.00** Mysteries of the Deep **10.00** How the Universe Works (S) **11.00** Blowing Up History (S)

12 midnight Nasa's Unexplained Files (S) **1.00am** Combat Dealers (S) **2.00** Mysteries of the Deep **3.00-5.00am** Blowing Up History: double bill (S)

Sky Documentaries



Chernobyl: the Lost Tapes

9.00pm The 1986 disaster

6.00am The Guest Wing (S) (AD) (HD) **7.00** Discovering: Tom Cruise (S) (HD) **8.00** The Directors (S) (HD) **9.00** Rolling Stone: Stories from the Edge (S) (AD) (HD) **10.00** The Vietnam War (S) (HD) **11.10** The Nineties (S) (HD) **12 noon** Althea (S) (AD) (HD) **1.45pm** My Icon: Jeanette Kwakye (S) (AD) (HD) **2.00** Clint Eastwood: a Life in Film (HD) **3.40** My Icon: Deta Hedman (S) (AD) (HD) **4.00** Discovering: Tom Cruise (S) (HD) **5.00** The Directors (S) (HD)

6.00pm The Vietnam War Richard Nixon wins the presidency, promising peace overseas. (S) (HD)

7.10 The Nineties A look at terrorism during the decade. (S) (HD)

8.00 Rolling Stone: Stories from the Edge The magazine's move to New York. (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 Chernobyl: the Lost Tapes Archive footage and witness accounts reveal the story behind the 1986 nuclear disaster. (S) (AD) (HD)

11.00 The Kid Stays in the Picture ★★ Chronicing the life of US film producer Robert Evans. **Review page 83.** (S) (W) (HD)

1.00am In the Cold Dark Night (S) (HD) **2.45** Kill Chain: the Cyber War on America's Elections (S) (AD) (HD) **4.30** Premier League Legends: Ruud van Nistelrooy (S) (AD) (HD) **5.00–6.00am** The Nineties (S) (HD)

Sky Documentaries Sky 121 Virgin 278/HD 277 BT 352/HD 367

Nat Geographic

8.00am Lost Treasures of Egypt (S) (AD) (HD) **9.00** Draining New York: What Lies Beneath? (S) (AD) (HD) **10.00** Air Crash Investigation (S) (AD) (HD) **11.00** Car SOS (S) (HD) **12 noon** Unknown Waters with Jeremy Wade (S) (AD) (HD) **1.00pm** Wicked Tuna: North v South (S) (HD) **2.00** Ultimate Airport Dubai (S) (HD) **3.00** Iceman Murder Mystery (HD) **4.00** Abominable Snowman (AD) (HD) **5.00** Seconds from Disaster (S) (AD) (HD) **6.00** Family Guns (S) (AD) (HD) **7.00** Air Crash Investigation (S) (AD) (HD) **8.00** Something Bit Me (HD) **9.00** Ten Deadliest Snakes with Nigel Marven (HD) **10.00** Air Crash Investigation (HD) **12 midnight** Car SOS (S) (AD) (HD) **1.00am** Wicked Tuna (S) (AD) (HD) **2.00** Alaska: the Next Generation (S) (HD) **3.00** Ice Road Rescue (HD) **4.00–5.30am** Air Crash Investigation: Special Report (S) (HD)

Nat Geographic Sky 129 Virgin 266/HD 268 +1 Sky 229 Virgin 267

Sky History

6.00am American Pickers (HD) **7.00** Forged in Fire (HD) **8.00** Storage Wars (HD) **9.00** Cracking the Code (HD) **10.00** Pawn Stars (HD) **11.00** American Pickers (HD) **1.00pm** Storage Wars (HD) **2.00** Cracking the Code (HD) **3.00** Pawn Stars (HD) **4.00** Mountain Men (HD) **5.30** Vintage Tech Hunters (HD) **6.00pm** American Pickers (HD) **7.00** Forged in Fire (HD) **8.00** Legends of the Deep: a sunken ship (HD) **9.00** The Bermuda Triangle Enigma (HD) **10.00** Alien Autopsy: the Search for Answers (HD) **11.00** Crusaders (HD) **12 midnight** Mountain Men (HD) **1.00am** Legends of the Deep (HD) **2.00** Forged in Fire (HD) **3.00** Crusaders (HD) **4.00** Pawn Stars (HD) **5.00–6.00am** Cracking the Code (HD)

Sky History Sky 123 Virgin 270 BT 353/HD 368 +1 Sky 223 Virgin 271

Sky Nature



Bear: Koala Hero

9.00pm The work of a detection dog

6.00am The Wild Wild East (S) (HD) **7.00** Monkey Life (S) (HD) **8.00** Hope for Wildlife (S) (HD) **9.00** Big Beasts: Last of the Giants (S) (AD) (HD) **10.00** Undiscovered Vistas (S) (HD) **11.00** Great Blue Wild (S) (HD) **12 noon** Into the Wild: Colombia (S) (HD) **1.00pm** Monkey Life (S) (HD) **2.00** Brazil Untamed (S) (HD) **3.00** Big Beasts: Last of the Giants (S) (AD) (HD) **4.00** Hope for Wildlife (S) (HD) **5.00** Great Blue Wild (S) (HD)

6.00pm Into the Wild: Colombia The challenges faced by Colombia's hummingbirds. (S) (HD)

7.00 Monkey Life Kiki and Trudy become best friends. (S) (HD)

7.30 A project in Vietnam. (S) (HD)

8.00 Predators A brotherhood of cheetahs lose their hunting ground to a bushfire. (HD)

9.00 Bear: Koala Hero The work of a dog helping rescue koalas from burnt-out bushland. (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 Great Blue Wild Creatures along Mozambique's coast. (S) (HD)

11.00 Into the Wild: Colombia As 6pm.

12 midnight Kalahari: Land of Secret Alliances (S) (HD) **1.00am** Coastal Africa (S) (HD) **2.00** Predators (HD) **3.00** Bear: Koala Hero (S) (AD) (HD) **4.00** Brazil Untamed (S) (HD) **5.00–6.00am** Undiscovered Vistas (S) (HD)

Sky Nature Sky 124 Virgin 280/HD 279 BT 354/HD 369

Eden

9.00am Inside the Vets (HD) **10.00** China's Secret Monkey Kingdom (HD) **11.00** David Attenborough's Natural Curiosities (AD) (HD) **12 noon** Forbidden History (AD) (HD) **2.00pm** Inside the Vets (HD) **3.00** Africa from Above (HD) **5.00** China's Secret Monkey Kingdom (HD) **6.00** David Attenborough's Natural Curiosities (AD) (HD) **7.00** Forbidden History (AD) (HD) **8.00** Inside the Vets (HD) **9.00** Africa from Above (HD) **10.00** David Attenborough's Natural Curiosities (AD) (HD) **11.00** China's Secret Monkey Kingdom (HD) **12 midnight** Forbidden History (AD) (HD) **1.00am** Inside the Vets (HD) **2.00** China's Secret Monkey Kingdom (HD) **3.00** David Attenborough's Natural Curiosities (AD) (HD) **4.00** Africa from Above (HD) **4.40** Inside the Vets (HD) **5.30–6.00am** Collar of Duty (HD)

Eden Sky 166 Virgin HD 245 +1 Sky 266 Virgin 246

Animal Planet

8.00am Tanked (S) (HD) **9.00** Pit Bulls and Parolees (S) (HD) **10.00** My Cat from Hell (S) (AD) (HD) **11.00** Animal Cops Philadelphia (S) (AD) (HD) **12 noon** Tanked (S) (HD) **1.00pm** How Do Animals Do That? (S) (HD) **2.00** Wild Australia (S) (HD) **3.00** Wild Hawaii (S) (HD) **4.00** My Cat from Hell (S) (AD) (HD) **5.00** Animal Cops Philadelphia (S) (AD) (HD) **6.00** Tanked (S) (HD) **7.00** Pit Bulls and Parolees (S) (HD) **8.00** The Zoo (S) (HD) **10.00** Alaska Monsters (S) (HD) **11.00** Cold Blooded Peruvian Predator (S) (HD) **12 midnight** South American Squatch of Argentina (S) (HD) **1.00am** Alaska Monsters (S) (HD) **2.00** My Cat from Hell (S) (AD) (HD) **3.00** Animal Cops Philadelphia (S) (AD) (HD) **4.00–5.00am** Tanked (S) (HD)

Animal Planet Sky 162 (NI 178) Virgin 251 +1 Sky 262 (NI 278) Virgin 259

SPORT

Sky Main Event

Sky 401 Virgin 511/HD 501 BT 420/HD 440

6.00am LIVE Test Cricket Pakistan v England, continued coverage of the final day of the second Test in a three-match series, at Multan Cricket Stadium. **12.15pm** Test Bitesize: day five **12.30** World Cup Matchday **10.00** World Cup Post-Match **11.00** World Cup Report **12 midnight LIVE NBA** Milwaukee Bucks v Golden State Warriors, an inter-conference game at Fiserv Forum (tip-off **12.30am**). **3.00–6.00am** World Cup Report

Sky Football

Sky 403 Virgin 513/HD 503 BT 422/HD 442

6.00am Classic Play-Off Finals **9.00** Scottish Premiership Highlights **9.30** EFL Greatest Games (AD) **10.00** Classic Play-Off Finals **2.30pm** EFL Greatest Games (AD) **3.00** Classic Play-Off Finals **5.00** EFL Greatest Games (AD) **5.30** Best Goals (AD) **6.00** Championship Highlights **6.30** Women's Super League Highlights **7.30** Soccer AM **8.00** League One and Two Goals **8.30** Women's Super League Highlights **9.00** EFL Greatest Games (AD) **10.00** Hurst: the First and Only (AD) **11.45** EFL Greatest Games **12 midnight** League Cup Retro (AD) **12.30am** Best Goals (AD) **1.00** Classic Play-Offs **4.00–6.00am** League Cup

Sky Golf

Sky 405 Virgin 515/HD 505 BT 424/HD 444

6.00am Best of the Open Zone (AD) **7.00** British Masters Masterclass (AD) **8.00** Golf Academy **9.00** School of Golf **9.30** School of Golf **10.00** PGA Tour Golf **11.00** European Tour Golf **12 noon** Open Zone (AD) **1.00pm** Masterclass (AD) **2.00** Golf Academy **3.00** School of Golf **4.00** European Tour Golf **5.00** Legends Tour Golf **6.00** Hero Challenge **6.30** European eTour Golf **7.00** Junior Golf **8.00** Legends Tour **9.00** Hero Challenge **9.30** European eTour Golf **10.00** Solheim Cup Golf: the 2021 event **12 midnight** European Tour Golf **1.00am** Legends Tour Golf **2.00** Open Zone (AD) **3.00** School of Golf **4.00** Golf Academy **5.00–6.00am** British Masters Masterclass (AD)

Sky Mix

Sky 416 Virgin 520/HD 510 BT 429/HD 449

7.45–11.45am LIVE Big Bash League Cricket Sydney Thunder v Melbourne Stars, a T20 match from Manuka Oval, Canberra.

Eurosport 1

Sky 410 Virgin 521 BT 412/HD 435

6.00am Snooker: English Open **8.00** Judo **9.00** Cycling **10.00** Olympic Games: Wait for It **10.30** Snooker **12.45pm LIVE Snooker** Day two of the English Open at Brentwood Centre, Essex, featuring matches from the first and second rounds. **5.00** Showjumping **6.00** Snooker **6.45 LIVE Snooker** Day two of the English Open from Brentwood, featuring second-round matches. **11.00** Snooker: English Open **1.00am** Freestyle Skiing **2.00** Snooker **4.00–6.00am** Ski Jumping

Eurosport 2

Sky 411 Virgin 522 BT 413/HD 436

6.00am Ski Jumping **8.00** Snooker **10.00** The Judo Show **11.00** Cycling **12 noon** Freestyle Skiing **1.00pm** Motor Racing **2.00** Alpine Skiing **4.00** Motor Racing **6.00** Freestyle Skiing **7.00** Tennis **8.00** Hall of Fame: Tokyo 2020 **9.00** Cyclo-Cross **10.00** Freestyle Skiing **11.00** Ski Jumping **12 midnight** Superbikes **2.00am** Cycling **4.00–6.00am** Snooker



Snooker

Eurosport 1 Neil Robertson defends his English Open title

Sky Premier League

Sky 402 Virgin 512/HD 502 BT 421/HD 441

6.00am Premier League Greatest Games **7.00** World Cup Breakfast **10.00** World Cup Matchday **12 noon** Gary Neville's Soccerbox **1.00pm** Premier League Years: the 2014/15 season **3.00** Greatest Games **4.00** Best Goals **5.00** 100 Club **6.00** World Cup Matchday **7.00** Soccer AM: the Best Bits **7.30** Premier League 100 **8.00** Gary Neville's Soccerbox **9.00** World Cup Matchday **10.00** World Cup Post-Match **11.00** Class of '92: Full Time **12 midnight** Premier League Retro **2.00am** Premier League Years **4.00** Premier League Best Goals **5.30–6.00am** 100 Club

Sky Cricket

Sky 404 Virgin 514/HD 504 BT 423/HD 443

6.00am LIVE Test Cricket Pakistan v England, continued coverage of the final day of the second Test in a three-match series, at Multan Cricket Stadium. **12.15pm** Test Bitesize: day five **12.30** Best of the Big Bash **1.00** Big Bash League Cricket: Sydney Thunder v Melbourne Stars **5.00** Test Bitesize **5.15** Best of England v Pakistan **6.00** Test Highlights **7.00** Big Bash League **8.00** World Cup Cricket (AD) **9.00** Test Highlights **10.00** Big Bash League Cricket **11.00** Test Highlights **12 midnight** Big Bash League Cricket **4.00am** Talking Cricket (AD) **4.30** Best of England v Pakistan (AD) **4.45** Test Bitesize **5.00–6.00am** Best of England v Pakistan (AD)

Sky NFL

Sky 407 Virgin 517/HD 507 BT 426/HD 446

6.00am NFL: America's Game (AD) **7.00** Highlights **9.00** NFL: America's Game (AD) **10.00** Highlights **11.00** NFL Bitesize **12 noon** Good Morning Football **3.00pm** NFL Highlights **4.00** NFL Bitesize **5.00** NFL Highlights **6.00** Pro-Football Talk **8.00** Bitesize **9.00** Review Show **11.00** NFL Fantasy **12 midnight** NFL: Total Access **1.00am** Review Show **3.00** Highlights **4.00–6.00am** NFL Review Show

Sky Arena

Sky 408 Virgin 518/HD 508 BT 427/HD 447

6.00am Darts **8.00** International Rugby Union (AD) **9.00** Australian Rugby League **10.00** Showjumping **11.00** NBA **3.00pm** Showjumping **4.00** Rugby League **4.15** Basketball **6.30** NBA on Fire **7.00** NBA **9.00** Boxing Archive (AD) **9.30** NBA on Fire **10.00** Bruno v Tyson: documentary (AD) **11.45** My Icon: Duke McKenzie **12 midnight LIVE NBA** Milwaukee Bucks v Golden State Warriors (tip-off **12.30am**). **3.00am** NBA Champions (AD) **4.00** Super League (AD) **4.15** Women's Rugby League (AD) **4.30** NRLW **4.45** NRL **5.00–6.00am** Showjumping

BT Sport 1

Sky 413 Virgin 527 BT 408/HD 430

6.00am ESPN FC **6.30** ESPN FC Presents: Gab & Juls **7.00** Wrestling (AD) **8.00** National League Football **11.30** Champions Cup Rugby Union **12.30pm** ESPN FC **1.00** ESPN FC Presents: Gab & Juls **1.30** Futsal **3.30** National League Football: highlights **4.00** ESPN FC Presents: Gab & Juls **4.30** ESPN FC: debate **5.00** Test Cricket Highlights: Australia v West Indies from the Adelaide Oval **7.00** Australian Football Highlights: A-League action **7.30** Surfing **8.30** Champions League Goals Show Retro **9.30** Premier League Stories (AD) **10.00 LIVE Pro League Hockey** Great Britain v Netherlands, the women's match from Santiago del Estero, Argentina (push-back **10.10**). **12 midnight** Wrestling (AD) **1.00am LIVE Wrestling** Future superstars showcase their skills and strength at WWE NXT. **3.15** Around the Block (AD) **3.30** Motor Racing: V8 Supercars **5.30–6.00am** Football Classics (AD)

BT Sport 2

Sky 414 Virgin 528 BT 409/HD 431

6.00am Australian Football: the best action from six A-League matches **12 noon** Currie Club **12.30pm** Champions League Football **2.30** Currie Club (AD) **3.00** Champions League Football: highlights of eight classic matches featuring Rangers **8.00** Currie Club **8.30** Badminton (AD) **9.00** Wrestling **11.30** UFC: the Walk (AD) **12 midnight** Classic Boxing: Glenn McCrory v Patrick Lumumba **12.30am LIVE Pro League Hockey** Great Britain v Netherlands, the men's match from Santiago del Estero, Argentina (push-back **12.40**). **2.30** Futsal **4.30** Major League Baseball **5.00** Australian Football **5.30–6.00am** French Football

BT Sport 3

Sky 417 Virgin 529 BT 410/HD 432

6.00am Italian Football: highlights of five Serie A matches from 2022/23 **11.00** Motor Racing: V8 Supercars **1.00pm** MotoGP: the Grand Prix of Australia **5.00** Badminton: the BWF World Tour Finals from Bangkok **7.00** Champions Cup Rugby Union: highlights **8.00** Fishing (AD) **9.00** Classic Boxing (AD) **9.45** Test Cricket Highlights: Australia v West Indies **11.45** International One-Day Cricket: New Zealand v Bangladesh, the first women's match in the series **12.45–6.00am LIVE International One-Day Cricket** New Zealand v Bangladesh, the second women's match in the three-match series from Napier. Coverage continues until 9.30am.

BT Sport 4

Sky 423 Virgin 530 BT 411/HD 434

6.00am SportsCenter **6.15** Around the Horn **6.45** Pardon the Interruption **7.15** SportsCenter **7.30** ESPN FC **8.00** American Football: US college action **12 noon** Premier League Legends **12.30pm** SportsCenter **12.45** Around the Horn **1.15** Pardon the Interruption **1.45** SportsCenter **2.00** American Football: highlights **3.00** Around the Horn **3.30** Pardon the Interruption **4.00** SportsCenter **4.15** US Soccer: the semi-finals and final of the men's NCAA Championship **10.15** Basketball: Texas Longhorns v Rice Owls, a US college game **12 midnight LIVE Basketball** North Carolina Tar Heels v Citadel Bulldogs, a US college game at Dean Smith Centre (tip-off **12.00**); **2.00am** Alabama Crimson Tide v Memphis Tigers, a college game at Coleman Coliseum (tip-off **2.00**). **4.00** 30 for 30: Without Bias (AD) **5.00–6.00am** American Football

Wednesday

VIENNESE WHIRL
Oskar Rheinhardt
(Juergen Maurer) and
Max Liebermann
(Matthew Beard) tackle
tricky murder cases

DRAMA

Vienna Blood 9.00pm **BBC2**

Series 1 and 2 available now and series 3 available from today – all on iPlayer

You could get almost as much pleasure from *Vienna Blood* if you watched it with the sound down, perhaps with a Viennese waltz playing in the background. It's wonderfully easy on the eye, even when the murder cases themselves creak a bit. The city in the 1900s looks polished and perfect, all stately furniture in elegant rooms on cobbled streets, with impeccably dressed characters wafting around as if on castors.

That includes our heroes, brooding cop Oskar Rheinhardt and impassive psychiatrist Max

Liebermann, whose strong record at solving murders together (often faintly kinky ones) hasn't made them any easier in each other's company.

As this third season opens, Max has finally come up in the world: he's signing copies of his new book.

Meanwhile, at a high-fashion salon, models pose in exquisite dresses – until one seamstress has a fatal encounter. Was she, as Max delicately says, "stabbed at the point of sexual climax"?

DAVID BUTCHER

ANTIQUES

Celebrity Antiques

Road Trip 7.00pm **BBC2**

Catch up via iPlayer

They may have all the right answers on *The Chase*, but can Anne "the Governess" Hegerty, and Shaun "the Dark Destroyer" Wallace hack it on a tour of the knick-knack emporia of the home counties?

As always, the chunk of the show where they potter round tiny shops accepting (or foolishly ignoring) the advice of experts James Braxton and Margie Cooper is enjoyable enough, but proceedings really come to life when their finds go under the hammer. Will the old book Shaun has splashed out on make more cash than Anne's expensive Victoriana? Neither of these two will enjoy being on the losing side... **CERI THOMAS**

DOCUMENTARY

Lidl's Christmas Secret

8.00pm **Channel 5** Catch up via My5

Behind-the-scenes supermarket documentaries are all the rage – see Channel 4's trips to Aldi and Waitrose also airing this week – so why not toss another in your viewing basket? With Britain facing the toughest December in memory, cameras go inside the budget supermarket to discover how it keeps its prices down.

The Wynne family try out Lidl's turkey and trimmings, while Christmas puddings are thoroughly taste-tested (custard, cream or brandy butter with that?). There's also a look at the store's decorations and stocking-fillers. Worthy fare or a glorified free advert? You decide.

MICHAEL HOGAN

ART

Best of Portrait Artist of the Year

8.00pm **Sky Arts**
Catch up via Sky Go/Now

2022 has been a keenly fought year, as 63 artists (from 2,000 applicants) were whittled down to three female finalists, then to one winner – and the judges' decision was fully justified by her insightful portrait of Lenny Henry.

It was a series of magic moments, but which will make the cut in tonight's compilation? Of the celebrity sitters, surely Henning Wehn's helicopter hat, Bruno Tonioli gesticulating as if he were back on the *Strictly* panel and Lulu revealing her artistic knowledge deserve inclusion.

As for the competitors, hopefully the Chinese ink specialist and extraordinary photorealist will be there, too. **MARK BRAXTON**

ALSO ON TODAY

Mortimer and Whitehouse: Gone Fishing

8.00pm **BBC2**
Bob and Paul chat, joke, grumble and fall over in last year's life-affirming festive edition.

Outsiders

10.00pm **Dave**
David Mitchell puts the comedians' fashion sense to the test, and a newcomer arrives on their penultimate day in the woods.

Sigrid/Koffee at Radio 1's Big Weekend

10.30pm/11.00pm **BBC3**
The Norwegian singer/songwriter (left), and then the reggae star, at last May's festival.

CLASSIC DRAMA

The Crow Road

from 10.00pm **BBC4**
Catch up via iPlayer

"It was the day my grandmother exploded." So begins this critically acclaimed four-part adaptation of the cult novel by Iain Banks, first shown in 1996. Our protagonist is Prentice, played by Joe McFadden who tonight introduces the episodes. He's an existentially troubled young man who becomes obsessed with the mysterious disappearance of his author uncle (Peter Capaldi).

If you haven't delved into *The Crow Road* before, you'll soon discover it's about so much more. Screenwriter Bryan Elsley deserves much praise for remaining faithful to Banks's droll, dark vision, while at the same time presenting his own distinctive take on the material. **PAUL WHITELAW**

SITCOM

Rosie Molloy Gives Up Everything

10.00pm **Sky Comedy**
Catch up via Sky Go/Now

Rosie is struggling. Kicking her addictions isn't proving easy – or fun. So she comes up with a compromise. Supposing she cuts out 50 per cent of everything? "That takes me from a Keith Richards to a Lindsay Lohan – and she still looks hot." So she has half a tequila at lunchtime, and snaps cigarettes in two before lighting up.

It's an enjoyable storyline, but this show has two sides. For a wild, careering sort of sitcom it is often oddly touching, too. Out of the blue we get a moving insight into why Rosie (Sheridan Smith) is so irresponsible. But we also get fun lines such as, "Damn your liquorice! Damn it to hell!" **DB**

SITCOM

Avenue 5

10.30pm, 11.05pm **Sky Comedy**
Catch up via Sky Go/Now

It's not hard to see a link between the concatenation of crises in this space satire and what's been happening closer to home in recent months. But creator Armando Iannucci spelt it out anyway in a recent *RT*. Leadership is the key word here, and on the cosmic cruiser *Avenue 5*, the so-called captain Ryan Clark (Hugh Laurie) has just been exposed as a sham.

Pandemonium is the inevitable result until an election restores order, although the list of candidates is, as Clark says, "a tsunami of the sub-par".

It's a treat having Laurie back in TV comedy, but terrific support comes from Zach Woods as unhelpful PR man Matt and Nikki Amuka-Bird as hyper-intense mission controller Rav. **MB**

LIVE SPORT



T20 Cricket

West Indies v England

9.30pm **BT Sport 1**

The Kensington Oval in Bridgetown, Barbados, hosts the second of five T20s, with England all-rounder Nat Sciver (above) back for this tour.

World Cup Football

Second Semi-final

6.15pm **ITV1**/6.30pm **BBC1**
(kick-off 7pm) (see listings)

From the Al Bayt Stadium, Al Khor.

Snooker: English Open

12.45pm **Eurosport 1**

Day three, featuring second-round matches, from the Brentwood Centre in Essex.

FILM OF THE DAY



Out of Sight ★★★★★ 15

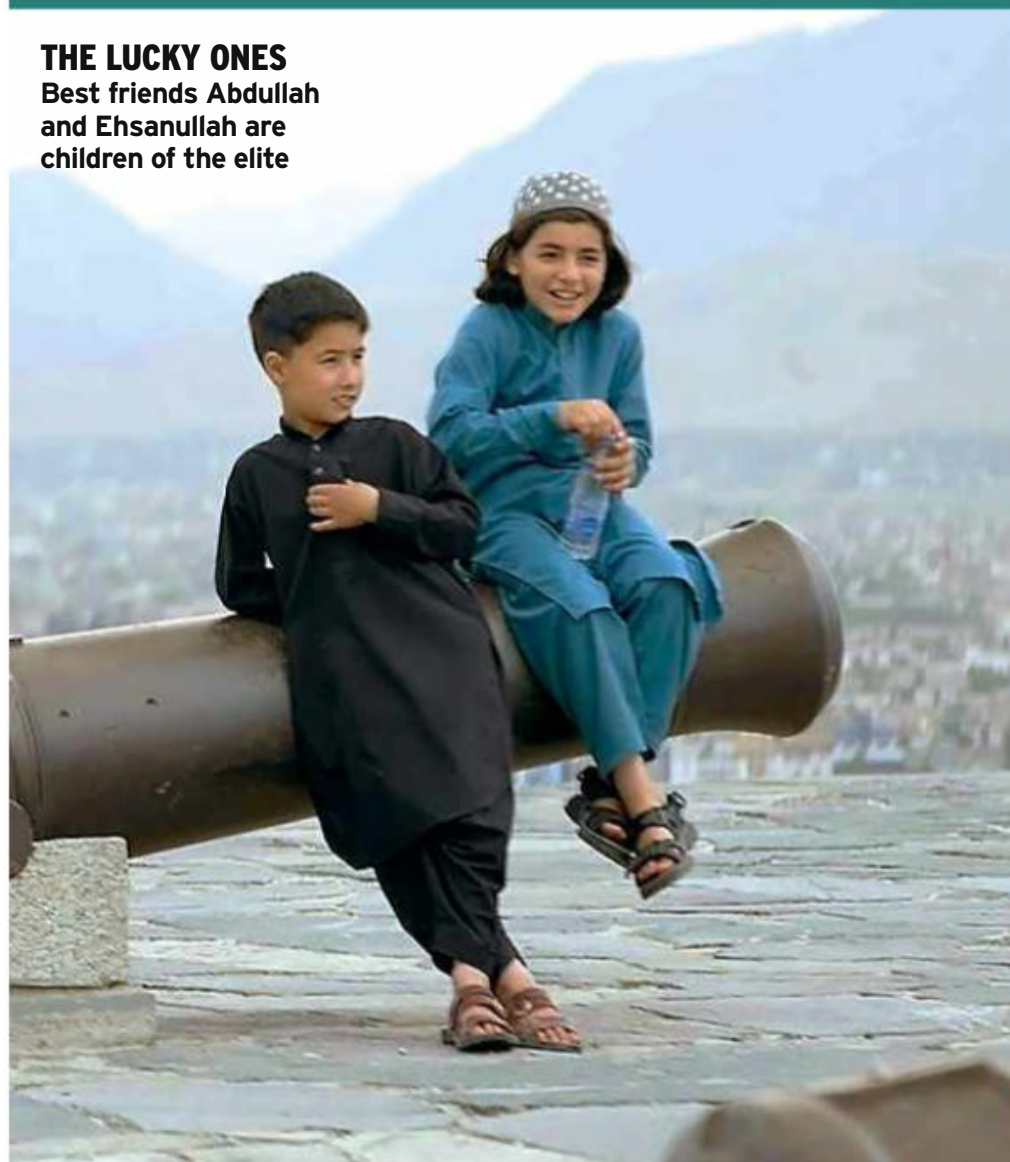
10.40pm or 11.25pm (depending on World Cup coverage; 11.25pm or 12.10am in Scotland) **BBC1**

Bank robber George Clooney busts out of jail and strikes sparks with US Marshal Jennifer Lopez (above) in this sizzling adaptation by Steven Soderbergh of an Elmore Leonard novel. (1998)

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THE LUCKY ONES

Best friends Abdullah and Ehsanullah are children of the elite



DOCUMENTARY

Children of the Taliban

11.05pm **C4** Catch up via All 4

Since the Taliban returned to power in Afghanistan last year, people in the West have understandably tended to focus on women's rights – but according to Save the Children, 46 per cent of girls (who are banned from secondary schools) and 20 per cent of boys are not in education. However, this documentary is a timely reminder that day-to-day existence, rather than education, is the main thing on the minds of many children.

In Kabul, Shoukria and Arezo are two girls who have lost their fathers and must now earn money to support what remains of their beleaguered, poverty-haunted families. In contrast, Abdullah and Ehsanullah are sons of the Taliban elite. Securing filming access to anyone involved with this notoriously media-shy group – especially its children – is surprising in itself but, remarkably, the boys do open up. **JOHN AIZLEWOOD**

WEDNESDAY Main Channels

DAYTIME

BBC1

6.00am Breakfast Jon Kay, Sally Nugent. (S) (HD)

9.15 Morning Live at Christmas Magazine show. (S) (HD)

10.00 Expert Witness A DNA expert witness helps solve a 50-year-old crime. (Revised repeat) (S) (AD) (HD)

10.45 A Countryside Christmas Matt Baker and his wife Nicola make bird feeder decorations. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

11.15 Homes under the Hammer Properties in Lancashire and the West Midlands. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

12.15pm Bargain Hunt Two teams compete in BuiltH Wells. Repeated tomorrow 6.30am BBC2 (S) (AD) (HD)

1.00 BBC News Regional News; Weather (S) (HD)

1.45 Doctors Al struggles to know what to do about Valerie and Izzie is still angry with Daniel. (S) (AD) (HD)

2.15 Money for Nothing Transforming some vintage car parts. Repeated tomorrow 7.15am BBC2 (S) (HD)

LIVE FOOTBALL If BBC1 shows tonight's match:

3.00 Escape to the Country The Chilterns. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

4.00 The Bidding Room A Victorian mirror. (R) (S) (HD)

4.45–5.30 The Weakest Link Competitors include Tamzin Outhwaite and Jax Jones. (R) (S) (HD)

NO FOOTBALL If BBC1 does not show tonight's match:

3.00 Escape to the Country Rural homes. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

3.45 The Bidding Room As above, 4pm.

4.30–5.15 The Weakest Link As above, 4.45pm.

BBC2

6.15am Homes under the Hammer From Cambridge, Lincolnshire and Birmingham. Shown Tue 11.15am BBC1 (S) (AD) (HD)

7.15 Escape to the Country Shown Mon 3pm BBC1 (S) (AD) (HD)

8.00–9.00 Sign Zone MasterChef: the Professionals A pop-up dining challenge for the semi-finalists. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 BBC News (S) (HD)

11.15 Politics Live The latest political stories. (S) (HD)

1.00pm Meet the Street at Christmas Mark sets up a choir from people living near Cardiff. (R) (S) (HD)

1.45 Celebrity Eggheads With Jeremy Vine. (R) (S) (HD)

2.15 The Best Christmas Food Ever Stuffed turkey and french toast with smoked bacon. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

3.00 World's Weirdest Events An electrician who got tattooed by a lightning bolt. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

4.00–5.00 Back in Time for School Sara Cox leads the volunteers into the 1990s. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

ITV1

6.00am Good Morning Britain (S) (HD)

9.00 Lorraine Showbiz and style tips. (S) (HD)

10.00 This Morning Including **Regional Weather** (S) (HD)

12.30pm Loose Women Candid conversation. (S) (HD)

1.30 ITV Lunchtime News Regional News; Weather (S) (HD)

LIVE FOOTBALL If ITV1 shows tonight's match:

2.00 James Martin's Great British Adventure The chef pays a visit to the Isle of Wight. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

2.30 Dickinson's Real Deal David and the dealers set up stall at Nottingham's Albert Hall. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

3.30–4.30 Tipping Point Quiz show. (R) (S) (HD)

NO FOOTBALL If ITV1 does not show tonight's match:

2.00 Dickinson's Real Deal As above, 2.30pm.

3.00 Tenable Five workmates from Wales aim for a perfect ten. (R) (S) (HD) Followed by **Regional Weather**

4.00–5.00 Tipping Point As above, 3.30pm.

Channel 4

6.05am Countdown Stephen K Amos guests. (R) (S) (HD)

6.45 Cheers Triple bill of the comedy. (R) (S) (HD)

8.05 Everybody Loves Raymond (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

9.35 Frasier Three episodes of the sitcom. (R) (S) (AD)

11.05 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA A Cuban restaurant in New York. (R) (S) (HD) **12 noon News** (S) (HD)

12.05pm Couples Come Dine with Me Contestants from Manchester compete for £1,000. (R) (S) (HD)

1.05 Jamie's Italian Christmas Making a stuffed pork showstopper, *porchetta*, and a tiramisu. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

2.10 Countdown With guest Vick Hope. (S) (HD)

3.00 Château DIY at Christmas Ben and Billie set about transforming their wine cave. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

4.00–5.00 A Place in the Sun In Roquetas de Mar on Spain's Almería coastline. Repeated 6pm 4seven (S) (HD)

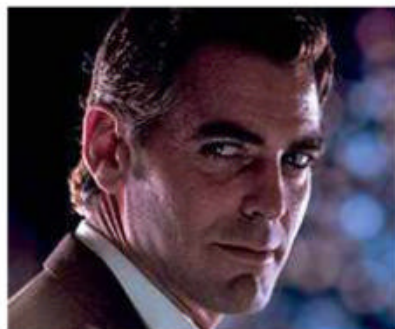
BBC1

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Out of Sight

10.40/11.25pm

Jack Foley (George Clooney) has his eyes on more than just the one prize



LIVE FOOTBALL

Coverage of World Cup games was still to be decided between BBC and ITV1 as we went to press. If BBC1 shows tonight's match, the schedule will be as follows:

5.30pm BBC News Weather (S) (HD)

6.00 Regional news magazines (S)

6.30 World Cup Match of the Day Live

Second Semi-Final

From Al Bayt Stadium in Al Khor (kick-off **7.00**).

England's dreams of a first major trophy since 1966 were shattered at this stage of the 2018 tournament in Russia. The Three Lions took an early lead, but their opponents, Croatia, clawed their way back to win 2–1. Available in UHD on iPlayer. (S) (HD)

All live matches are subject to extra time/penalties

9.30 Would I Lie to You? At Christmas

Comedy panel show hosted by Rob Brydon. Captains David Mitchell and Lee Mack are joined by Jo Brand, Joe Swash, Joe Lycett and Ruth Madeley. (R) (S) (HD)

10.00 BBC News Regional News; Weather (S) (HD)

10.40 Out of Sight ★★★★★

Romantic crime drama starring George Clooney and Jennifer Lopez. Jack Foley is a bank robber determined to try one last heist. So when he meets US Marshal Karen Sisco during a prison escape, their mutual attraction sees them cross paths again.

On iPlayer for 30 days. **Film of the Day: page 93.**

Director Steven Soderbergh (1998, 15) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

Also showing Friday 9.45pm BBC3

12.35am World Cup Match of the Day Replay A full replay of the second semi-final from Al Bayt Stadium. (S) (HD)

2.15 Weather for the Week Ahead (S) (HD)

2.20–6.00am BBC News (S) (HD)

NO FOOTBALL If this evening's match is not shown:

5.15pm Pointless Celebrities

A comedians special featuring Ed Byrne, Jessie Cave, Dane Baptiste, Shazia Mirza, Angela Barnes, Rich Hall, Patrick Monahan and Junior Simpson. (R) (S) (HD)

6.00 BBC News (S) (HD)

6.30 Regional news magazines (S)

7.00 The One Show

Presented by Alex Jones and Roman Kemp. (S) (HD)

7.30 EastEnders

The mourners arrive at The Vic for Dot's wake.

Writer Bryan Kirkwood Cast Monday/Thursday (S) (AD) (HD)

8.00 The Repair Shop at Christmas

Items include a mechanical walking doll from 1950, a wooden Nativity scene from Germany, a 100-year-old harmonium pump organ, and a toy train set once on show in a shop window in 1960s Kenya. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 The Traitors

7/12. A dramatic confession at the round table changes the game and one Faithful seems to be keeping a secret. The players are pushed harder than ever to win gold for the prize pot. Continues tomorrow 9pm. **See choice, page 76.** (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 BBC News Regional News; Weather (S) (HD)

10.40 World Cup Match of the Day Highlights

Action from the second semi-final in Qatar. (S) (HD)

11.25 Out of Sight As above, 10.40pm.

1.15am World Cup Match of the Day Replay (S) (HD)

2.55 Weather for the Week Ahead (S) (HD)

3.00–6.00am BBC News (S) (HD)

BBC1 Freeview 1/HD 101 Freesat 101/HD 106 Sky 101/HD 115 Virgin 101

BBC2

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Vienna Blood

9.00pm Max and Oskar renew their fruitful partnership as they pursue a seamstress's killer



5.00pm Flog It!

Paul Martin presents from Highcliffe Castle in Dorset, a 19th-century edifice that has been restored using an array of ingenious methods. (R) (S) (HD)

6.00 Richard Osman's House of Games

Kevin Eldon, Sarah Keyworth, Laila Rouass and John Whaite continue to vie for supremacy. (S) (HD)

6.30 Strictly It Takes Two

Janette Manrara has all the news from *Strictly* as one of the final couples joins her for a chat. (S) (HD)

7.00 Celebrity Antiques Road Trip

The Chase's trivia experts Anne Hegerty and Shaun Wallace turn their minds to searching for lucrative items in the Home Counties, aided by antiques aficionados James Braxton and Margie Cooper. Shaun finds a dusty book published in 1734 while Anne gambles a three-figure sum on a piece of Victoriana. But which will attract the eye of bidders at the auction? More tomorrow 7pm. **See page 86.** Series producer Stuart Stanley Harrison Executive producer John Redshaw (S) (HD)

8.00 Mortimer & Whitehouse: Gone Christmas Fishing

Paul Whitehouse takes Bob Mortimer on a steam train to the north of England in this 2021 festive edition, where alongside their canine companion Ted they fish the Eden and Tyne rivers for the elusive English salmon. The duo stay in a manor house, where Bob prepares a breakfast of Craster kippers, and then in an English castle, where Paul is the emotional recipient of a surprising present. They are joined on the riverbank by footballing great Paul Gascoigne. Paul Heaton and Jacqui Abbott provide musical entertainment. Director Rob Gill; Producers Lisa Clark, Stephanie Fyfe (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 Vienna Blood

New series. 1/3 Series 3. Deadly Communion

Return of the period crime drama set in Austria in the 1900s. Psychoanalyst Max Liebermann and detective Oskar Rheinhardt investigate the murder of a young seamstress in a luxury fashion house and soon discover that the industry conceals dark truths. The trail leads the duo from couture to an altogether more sinister world of exploitation and blackmail, and requires Max to reconsider the nature of beauty. From tonight, the whole series will be on iPlayer. **See p86.**

Max Liebermann	Matthew Beard	Commissioner von Bulow
Oskar Rheinhardt	Juergen Maurer	Raphael von Borgen
Clara Weiss	Luise von Finckh	Josef Ellers
Leah Liebermann	Charlene McKenna	Miriam Hie
Rachel Liebermann	Amelia Bullmore	Robert Reinagl
Mendel Liebermann	Conleth Hill	

Writers Steve Thompson and Frank Tallis
Director Robert Dornhelm (S) (AD) (HD)

10.30 Newsnight With Victoria Derbyshire. (S) (HD)

11.10 Weather (S) (HD)

11.15 Unspun World with John Simpson

The BBC's world affairs editor talks to experts from around the globe to provide an unvarnished perspective on the week's major stories. (S) (HD)

11.45 Simon Schama's History of Now

3/3. The Prince of Plenty. Looking at artists who shone a light on the postwar promise of plenty for all, among them Charlie Chaplin. **See choice, page 56.** Shown Sunday 9pm (S) (AD) (HD)

12.45am How to Crack the Class Ceiling 2/2. How young people from working-class backgrounds can secure Britain's elite jobs. **See choice, page 76.** Shown yesterday 9pm (S) (HD)

1.45–2.45am Sign Zone Locomotion: Dan Snow's History of Railways 1/3. The historian and broadcaster charts the development of the UK's rail network. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

BBC2 Freeview 2/HD 102 Freesat 102 Sky 102 Virgin 102

ITV1

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Emmerdale

7.00pm (only if no live football) Cain gets a prison visit from Kyle, but it doesn't end well



LIVE FOOTBALL

Coverage of World Cup matches was still to be decided as we went to press. If ITV1 shows this evening's match, the schedule will be as follows:

4.30pm The Chase

Peter, Amber, Anjali and Lesley face one of the mighty Chasers. Bradley Walsh hosts. (R) (S) (HD)

5.30 Regional News Weather

(S) (HD)

5.45 ITV Evening News Weather

(S) (HD)

6.15 World Cup 2022

Second Semi-Final

Live coverage of the match from Al Bayt Stadium, Al Khor (kick-off 7.00).

In the corresponding match in 2018, Croatia's Mario Mandzukic scored an extra time winner to seal a 2-1 victory over England. (S) (HD)

All live matches are subject to extra time/penalties

9.15 Chris Kamara: Lost for Words

RT The broadcaster and former footballer embarks on a journey to learn more about apraxia of speech, a condition that has affected his ability to pronounce words. As he starts to come to terms with the disorder, Chris looks at different ways to improve his speech, meeting others with the same condition. **See page 77.** Director/Producer Matt David (S) (AD) (HD)

10.15 ITV News

Weather; Regional News and Weather (S) (HD)

11.05 ITV Football Classics

England v Cameroon from Italia 90. (R) (S) (HD)

12 midnight-3.00am Home Shopping

NO FOOTBALL

If ITV1 does not show this evening's match:

5.00pm The Chase

As above, 4.30pm.

6.00 Regional News Weather

(S) (HD)

6.30 ITV Evening News Weather

(S) (HD)

7.00 Emmerdale

The penny drops for Belle. Cain gets a visitor. The nanny interviews begin at Home Farm. Cast Thursday/Friday (S) (AD) (HD)

8.00 Coronation Street

Ken's former mistresses, Wendy and Martha, come face to face for the first time. Daisy finds a lump in her breast. All this week's episodes are available on ITXV from Monday. Cast Monday/Friday (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 Beat the Chasers

Bradley Walsh welcomes more players ready to face the Chasers for big money. (R) (S) (HD)

10.00 ITV News at Ten

Weather; Regional News and Weather (S) (HD)

10.45 World Cup 2022 Highlights

The best action from tonight's semi-final. (S) (HD)

11.45 Gino's Cooking Up Love

2/2. As the new arrivals join Gino's cooking school, will a romantic spark be ignited?

Series director Robin Trump; Series producer Sarah Church Shown last Thursday (S) (HD)

12.35-3.00am Home Shopping

3.00 Unwind A sequence to calm the mind. (S) (HD)

4.15-6.00am Britain's Got Talent Christmas Spectacular

Memorable acts. (R) (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

ITV1 Freeview 3/HD 103 Freesat 103 Sky 103 Virgin 113/HD 103 +1 Freeview 35 Freesat 112 Sky 203 Virgin 114

Channel 4

4
7 in Wales

Location, Location, Location

8.00pm The duo revisit searches that brought whole families together



5.00pm Kirstie's Handmade Christmas

3/10. How to make a pop-up Christmas card. Repeated 7pm 4seven (S) (AD) (HD)

6.00 The Simpsons

She Used to Be My Girl. A meeting with an old schoolfriend leaves Marge feeling jealous. (R) (S) (AD)

6.30 Hollyoaks

Honour tries to piece everything together.

Writer Nana-Kofi Kufuor This week's episodes directed by Avril Evans and Tim Hopewell Cast Tue/Thu Shown yesterday 7pm E4 Rptd tomorrow 6.30am E4 Next episode follows on E4 (S) (AD) (HD)

7.00 Channel 4 News Sport; Weather

(S) (HD)

7.55 The Political Slot Conservative MP Elliot Colburn discusses the Government's plan to support the recovery of the NHS. (S) (HD)

8.00 Location, Location, Location

Ep 5. Kirstie Allsopp and Phil Spencer catch up with two sets of house-hunters. In 2017, mother and daughter Linda and Laura were looking for a Bristol bolthole that would suit the whole family. Meanwhile, in 2018, Glasgow couple Ranald and Marjorie wanted to upsize to have enough bedrooms for their grandchildren to stay over. Directors Miranda Stern and Sasha Webb Series producer Julyan Sinclair (S) (HD)

Jane Garvey: page 13

9.00 The Disappearance of April Jones

3/3. The final episode focuses on the lead-up to Mark Bridger's trial for abduction, murder and attempting to pervert the course of justice. It also looks at the work of leading forensic experts who helped the police and prosecution team piece the case together. The whole series is on All 4. Director James Ingleton; Producer Carys Laws Repeated Thursday 11.05pm 4seven (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 24 Hours in Police Custody

DC Dave Brecknock investigates a burglary of antiques worth £250,000 at a country estate. As cameras follow the unfolding investigation, in a surprising twist he finds himself travelling to another country house over in Ireland.

Series director Graeme McAulay Series producer Amber Ronowicz (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

11.05 Children of the Taliban

RT This film follows four children living in Kabul, Afghanistan, whose lives have changed dramatically since US troops completed their withdrawal from the country and the Taliban came to power. The girls, Shoukria and Arezo, have both lost their fathers and must now work to support their mothers and siblings. The boys, Abdullah and Ehsanullah, meanwhile, are the sons of high-ranking Taliban members. As cameras capture their daily routines, the documentary reveals the challenges the future holds, not only for these children, but for the country. **See p87.** Directors/Producers Jordan Byron and Marcel Mettelsiefen (S) (HD)

12.10am Swingers A glimpse inside a party at one of the UK's most popular swingers' clubs. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

1.05 Naughty and Nice: Sex Toy Britain Behind the scenes at an online sex toy retailer. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

2.00 Inside KFC at Christmas Following the launch of a new festive burger in 2020. (R) (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

2.55 Cops in Crisis Dispatches investigates the crisis facing British policing. Shown last Wednesday (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

3.50 Unreported World Ep 6. A drug used in Mexico to address mental illness. Shown last Friday (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

4.15 Couples Come Dine with Me There's tension around the dinner table in Manchester. (R) (S) (SL) (HD)

5.10-6.05am George Clarke's Old House, New Home A Victorian terrace and a 1940s villa. (R) (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

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BBC4

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24 in Scotland

The Crow Road

10.10pm Prentice (Joe McFadden) sets out to solve the mystery of his missing uncle



7.00pm Christmas University Challenge

8/10. Two of the four highest-scoring winners from the first round of matches play each other for a place in the final. Jeremy Paxman asks the questions. Continues tomorrow 7pm. (R) (S) (HD)

7.30 Great Continental Railway Journeys

3/10. Beginning in Orléans, Michael follows his Bradshaw's guide to the magnificent stained-glass windows of the Cathedral of Sainte-Croix, which tell the story of the heroine of France, Joan of Arc. Along the River Loire he visits Château de Candé, where the former Edward VIII married Wallis Simpson in 1937. Finally, after a spin around the Le Mans track in a winning French car of the 1920s, Michael visits Versailles. Continues tomorrow 7.30pm. Repeated 1.35am (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

8.00 Charles Dickens and the Invention of Christmas

Griff Rhys Jones explores how, when it was published in 1843, Charles Dickens's *A Christmas Carol* captured the imagination of Victorian Britain and virtually created what is considered a "traditional" Christmas, with trees, turkey dinner and carols. Director Paul Tilzey; Producer Jacquie Hughes Repeated 2.05am (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 One Foot in the Grave

Series 5. The Wisdom of the Witch. In a Christmas special from 1995, a tarot reading sounds ominous for Victor.

Writer David Renwick Director/Producer Susan Belbin (R) (S) (HD)

10.00 Joe McFadden Remembers

RT The Crow Road The actor looks back at the 1996 adaptation of Iain Banks's bestseller. **See p87.** (S) (HD)

10.10 The Crow Road

RT 1/2. Prentice/Kenneth. Drama from 1996 dramatised from Iain Banks's blackly comic novel. Student Prentice McHoan carries out his recently deceased grandmother's request to find out what happened to his uncle Rory, who disappeared seven years before. After meeting Rory's girlfriend Janice, Prentice discovers he had been working on a murder mystery novel called *The Crow Road*. Concludes tomorrow 10.55pm. **See page 87.**

Prentice McHoan
Kenneth McHoan
Rory McHoan
Janice
Ashley Watt
Verity
Fiona Urvill
Fergus Urvill

Joe McFadden
Bill Paterson
Peter Capaldi
Patricia Kerrigan
Valerie Edmond
Simone Bendix
Stella Gonet
David Robb

Dramatised by Bryan Elsley; Producers Bradley Adams and Bradley James; Director Gavin Millar (R) (S)

12.05am Tales of Winter: the Art of Snow and Ice Exploring how the season has been depicted by Western artists. (R) (S) (HD)

1.35 Great Continental Railway Journeys Shown 7.30pm (S) (AD) (HD)

2.05-3.05am Charles Dickens and the Invention of Christmas Shown 8pm (S) (AD) (HD)

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Regional variations

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F'view 8 Sky 117 Virgin 159

6.00am Dork Hunters from Outer Space (R)

6.30 Kong: the Animated Series (R)

7.00 Roswell Conspiracies (R)

7.30 Legend of the Dragon (R)

8.00 Fairy Tales for You: double bill (R)

8.30 Skysurfer Strike Force (R)

9.00 My Greek Odyssey (R)

10.00 The Baron (R)

11.00 Shine On Harvey Moon (R)

11.30 After Henry (R)

12 noon Secret Cities (R)

1.00pm FILM: The Raging Moon ★★★

Romantic drama starring Malcolm McDowell (1970, PG)

3.10 FILM: Terry on the Fence ★★★

Drama starring Jack MacNicol (1986)

4.45 Secrets of London with Mark Monroe (R)

5.00 The World's Most Incredible Hotels (R)

6.00 London Live News

7.00 Carry On Christmas Long John: Sid James stars as Long John Silver (R)

8.00 Top Tens of Warfare: the greatest military secrets of the past century

9.00 The Heroin Trail: a heroin addict shares his recovery story (R)

10.00 FILM: Twisted Nerve ★★★

Thriller with Hayley Mills and Hywel Bennett (1968, 18)

12.20am FILM: Blessed

★ ★ Drama starring James Nesbitt (2007, U)

2.00 The Secret Agent (R)

3.00 Danger Man (R)

3.30 News Rewind (R)

5.00-6.00 Talking Points (R)

WEDNESDAY Freeview

Channel 5

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Bargain-Loving Brits in the Sun
9.00pm Phyllis and Carole celebrate

5.45am Milkshake! See page 92

9.15 New. Jeremy Vine (S) (HD)

12.30pm Bargain-Loving Brits in the Sun
Paula and her team have reason to celebrate. (S) (HD) **1.25 5 News** (S) (HD)

1.30 One December Night ★★

P Comedy drama starring Eloise Mumford and Brett Dalton, featuring Peter Gallagher and Bruce Campbell. Director Clare Niederpruem (2021) (S) (W) (HD)

3.15 A Hometown Christmas ★★

P Romance. Sisters Jennifer and Meg switch homes for a few weeks over Christmas, and step into each other's shoes. Director Sean McNamara (2021) (S) (W) (HD)

5.00pm 5 News (S) (HD)

6.00 Cruising with Susan Calman 2/2. Susan heads north in Norway, from Tromsø to Finnsnes, in search of the northern lights. She also finds time to try dog sledding, swim in Arctic waters under a polar moon, chop down her own Christmas tree and sing carols. Series producer Jenny MacLeod (S) (HD)

6.55 5 News Update (S) (HD)

7.00 New. The Gadget Show: Better Tech, Better Life

12/12. Ortis and Georgie test the best torches on the market, review VR gaming headphones, and try to please some coffee connoisseurs. Elsewhere, Jon tests waterproof walking boots, while Harry Wallop tries out an app that claims to pay users for being on social media. Directors/Producers Pete Jones, Matt Wenham (S) (HD)

7.55 5 News Update (S) (HD)

8.00 Lidl's Christmas Secret

RT As families tighten the purse strings, this programme glimpses behind the doors of the budget supermarket. The Wynne family try out the store's turkey and trimmings and explore some of the decorations and random gifts. **See page 86.** (S) (HD)

9.00 New. Bargain-Loving Brits in the Sun

Cameras reveal how the British expats celebrate Christmas in their own unique way on the Spanish Costas. It's a season where new traditions are created, from festive feasts on the beach and hilarious carol concerts, to family reunions. Directors/Producers Dave Baines, John Coffey (S) (HD)

10.00 Shirley Valentine ★★★★★

■ Comedy, written by Willy Russell. Housewife Shirley leads a domestic existence of routine dullness. What she needs is a holiday; a place with sun, sand and sea, a place where she can fall in love with life. **Review page 93.**

Shirley Valentine
Costas Caldes
Gillian
Jane
Marjorie
Pauline Collins
Tom Conti
Julia McKenzie
Alison Steadman
Joanna Lumley
Director Lewis Gilbert (1989, 15) (S) (W) (HD)

12.15am Traffic Cops (S) (HD) **1.05 New. Casino** (S) (HD) **3.05–5.30am Warship: Life at Sea:** three editions (S) (HD)

C5 F'view 5/HD 105 F'sat 105 Sky 105 Virgin 154/HD 105 +1 Freeview 46 Freesat 128 Sky 205 Virgin 155

BBC4 listings are overleaf

BBC3

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Sigrid at Radio 1's Big Weekend
10.30pm A set by the Norwegian singer

7.00pm Top Gear

A race across Kazakhstan. (S) (HD)

8.00 Gavin & Stacey

5/6 Series 3. The Essex contingent visits the beach on Bank Holiday Monday. (S) (AD) (HD)

8.30 New. Ghosts US

18/18. Jay and Sam are ready to open their B&B, unleashing a horde of bored ghosts on unsuspecting guests. (S) (HD)

8.55 New. The Catch Up (S) (HD)

9.00 New. FBoy Island

6/10 Series 2. After Mia's health scare, the ladies are convinced they've overcome their biggest hurdle. (S) (HD)

9.40 New. God Shave the Queens

7/12 Series 2. Sister Sister shares her secrets to giving a performance that blows crowds away night after night.

9.55 New. 8/12. A'Whora suffers a knee injury, but won't be away for long.

10.15 New. 9/12. Ellie Diamond discusses fulfilling her dreams, one performance at a time. Series 1 is on iPlayer. (S) (HD)

10.30 New. Sigrid at Radio 1's Big Weekend

Catchy pop bangers from one of Norway's biggest musical exports. (S) (HD)

11.00 New. Koffee at Radio 1's Big Weekend

The reggae star brings her next level beats to the Future Sounds Stage. (S) (HD)

11.35 Gavin & Stacey As 8pm.

12.05–4.00am Bellator MMA Replay: a chance to see Bellator 285 (S) (HD)

BBC3 F'view 23/HD 109 (not Scot/Wales) F'sat 179/HD 107 Sky 117 (173 London; 141 Scot) Virgin 107 (157 Scot/Wales)

ITV2

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6.00am Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records (S) (HD) **7.00** The Cabins (S) (HD)

8.00 Love Bites (S) (SL) (AD) (HD) **10.00** Dress to Impress (S) (HD) **12 noon** Rolling in It (S) (AD) (HD) **1.00pm** Family Fortunes (S) (HD)

2.00 Supermarket Sweep (S) (HD) **3.00** One Tree Hill (S) (HD) **3.55** Chuck (S) (HD) **5.50** Celebrity Catchphrase (S) (AD) (HD)

6.50pm Dress to Impress Fashion student Fabian is hoping to find love, choosing from beauty therapist Wade, flight attendant Charlie and beauty retail worker Jake. (S) (HD)

7.50 FILM Pitch Perfect ★★★★★ Musical comedy starring Anna Kendrick. Beca doesn't care about being popular, but her singing voice makes her the centre of attention when she signs up for the college's all-female *cappella* group, the Barden Bellas. Determined to outshine them are their male counterparts, the Treblemakers. **Review p93.** (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

10.00 New. Don't Hate the Playaz Jordan Stephens and grand master of the decks DJ Shortee Blitz are joined by Krept, Julie Adenuga, Ola Labib and Jords. (S) (HD)

10.45 Family Guy Series 11. Brian discovers that Carter's pharmaceutical company is withholding the cure for cancer. (S) (AD) (HD)

11.15 Series 10. Meg is kidnapped while travelling across Europe. (S) (AD) (HD)

11.45 American Dad! Series 16. Steve is shocked to discover that Francine is secretly feeding him breast milk. (S) (AD) (HD)

12.10am Series 15. Roger takes Francine to a remote Patagonian island. (S) (AD) (HD)

12.40 The Stand Up Sketch Show (S) (HD) **1.35** Christmas Shopping with Keith Lemon (S) (HD) **2.35–3.00am** Unwind (S) (HD)

ITV2 Freeview 6 Freesat 113 Sky 118 Virgin 115/HD 176 +1 Freeview 29 Freesat 114 Sky 218 Virgin 116

ITV3

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Lewis 8.00pm How tight is Oswald Cooper's (Jason Watkins) alibi?

6.00am Classic Emmerdale (S) **7.05** Classic Coronation Street (S) (AD) **8.05** Man about the House (S) **9.10** The Darling Buds of May **5/7 Series 1.** A Breath of French Air 1/2. The Larkins plan a holiday abroad; **10.25 6/7** A Breath of French Air 2/2. The family warm to the French way of life (S) (AD) (HD) **11.35** Heartbeat: **23/24.** A pensioner whom Carol has been visiting dies unexpectedly; **12.35pm 24/24.** Everyone rallies round for Blaketon's birthday party (S) (AD)

1.40pm Classic Emmerdale: double bill. Louise struggles to cope, and then is desperate to put her nightmare behind her (S) **2.50** Classic Coronation Street: double bill. Anita has a proposition for Ken, then Geena has a change of heart (S) (AD) **3.50** A Touch of Frost: **Series 5. True Confessions.** A murder case leads to Frost's suspension (S) (AD)

6.00pm Heartbeat

1/24 Series 18. Mason and Wetherby struggle to deal with protesters. (S) (AD) **7.00 2/24.** An old villain returns. (S) (AD)

8.00 Lewis

4/4 Series 2. The Great and the Good A rape case appears to be solved when the chief suspect is murdered, possibly in revenge. But nothing is what it seems, and soon Lewis and Hathaway find the upper echelons of Oxford closing ranks. (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 Cracker

8/9 Series 2. Men Should Weep 2/3 DS Jane Penhaligon shares detail of her ordeal, and the detectives conclude she was attacked by the same man as all the other women. (S) (AD) **11.05 9/9. Men Should Weep 3/3** Fitz is powerless to intervene as two rape victims exact revenge. Series three starts tomorrow 10pm. (S) (AD)

12.20am Ladies of Letters: **9/10 Series 1.** Vera adapts to country life; **12.45 10/10.** The pen pals plan a world tour; **1.15 1/10 Series 2.** Irene and Vera have a disastrous reunion; **1.50 2/10** Vera begins associating with unsavoury new acquaintances. Continues tomorrow 12.30am (S) (AD) **2.20–2.30am** Unwind (S) (HD)

ITV3 Freeview 10 Freesat 115 Sky 119 Virgin 117/HD 177 +1 F'view 59 (9pm–4am) F'sat 116 Sky 219 Virgin 174

ITV4

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6.00am The Champions (S) **6.55** Cadfael (S) (HD) **8.25** Magnum, PI (S) (AD) (HD) **9.25** The Professionals (S) (AD) **10.30** Minder (S) (AD) **11.35** The Protectors (S)

12.10pm The Champions (S) **1.10** Cadfael (S) (HD) **2.55** Magnum, PI (S) (AD) (HD) **3.55** The Professionals (S) (AD) **4.55** Minder (S) (AD)

6.00pm Giant Lobster Hunters The Jager family boat hits the water after being grounded for four months. (S) (AD) (HD)

7.00 BattleBots Undeclared bots Bronco and Sawblaze battle it out. (S) (HD)

8.00 Junk and Disorderly Henry Cole and his team buy a tractor at an auction. (S) (HD)

9.00 FILM Conan the Barbarian ★★★★★ Fantasy action adventure starring Arnold Schwarzenegger. After his mother and father are murdered, the young Conan grows up in slavery. He is forced to enter the arena where he becomes a successful gladiator, but he longs for the chance to avenge the deaths of his parents. **Review page 93.** (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

11.40 FILM Cannonball Run II ★ Comedy sequel starring Burt Reynolds. (S) (AD) (W)

1.55am The Professionals (S) (SL) (AD) **2.50–3.00am** Unwind (S) (HD)

ITV4 Freeview 26 Freesat 117 Sky 120 Virgin 118/HD 178 +1 Freesat 118 Sky 220 Virgin 175

Drama

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Sherlock 8.00pm Blackmailer Charles Augustus Magnussen strikes again

7.00am 'Allo 'Allo! Repeated 6pm/12.20am (S) **7.30** All Creatures Great and Small Repeated 4.20pm (S) **8.30** New Tricks Repeated 10pm (S) (AD) **9.50** Classic Casualty: double bill. Lily deals with a family feud too close to home, then Robyn's plans are thwarted (HD)

12 noon The Bill: Knowles has a traumatic experience **1.00pm** Classic EastEnders: double bill. Mark receives some devastating news, then Phil realises that Sam has been phoning Steve **2.20** New Tricks: **5/10 Series 11** The team investigates the death of a film critic; **3.20 6/10.** A Roman sword leads the team to a headless corpse (S) (AD) (HD) **4.20** All Creatures Great and Small: **12/12 Series 5 Two of a Kind.** Television comes to the Dales. Shown 7.30am (S) **5.20** As Time Goes By: **6/10 Series 3.** Jean worries about Lionel Rptd 1am (S)

6.00pm 'Allo 'Allo!

4/7 Series 8. Awful Wedded Wife. The British airmen are captured while paddling down the estuary. Shown 7am Rptd 12.20am (S)

6.40 Last of the Summer Wine Series 1. Of Funerals and Fish. The pilot episode of the long-running comedy. (S) **7.20 Short Back and Palais Glide** The boys discuss life, love and women. (S)

8.00 Sherlock

3/3 Series 3. His Last Vow. The detective takes on master blackmailer Charles Augustus Magnussen, a man who knows the secrets of every person of importance in the Western world. (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 New Tricks

3/10 Series 8. Lost in Translation The team reinvestigates the apparent crucifixion of an unidentified body found on farmland in 1996. Shown 8.30am (AD)

11.00 Hustle

6/6 Series 3. Law and Corruption The team are arrested on drug charges.

12.20am as 6pm **1.00** as 5.20pm **1.40** Auf Wiedersehen, Pet: **6/6 Series 4.** Neville is kidnapped (S) **2.45–4.00am** A Place to Call Home: **13/13 Series 1.** Anna is relieved when Gino believes she miscarried (S) (HD)

Drama Freeview 20 Freesat 158 Sky 143 Virgin 130 +1 Freeview 60 Sky 243 Virgin 226

ITVBe

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7.00am The Real Housewives of Cheshire (S) (AD) (HD) **8.00** Masters of Flip (S) (HD) **9.00** LittleBe: children's programmes (HD) **12 noon** Best Cake Wins (S) (HD) **12.30pm** The Real Housewives of New Jersey (S) (HD) **2.15** The Real Housewives of Cheshire (S) (AD) (HD) **3.10** The Only Way Is Essex (S) (HD) **4.10 New.** The Real Housewives of Salt Lake City (S) (HD)

6.00pm FILM Meeting Mr Christmas ★★ Romance starring Greta Carew-Johns.

A cynical blogger is forced to team up with a Christmas-loving doctor. (S) (W) (HD)

8.00 New. Christmas Dinner Date Jake from Lancashire is given five menus, each put together by a potential blind date. (S) (HD)

9.00 New. Georgia and Tommy: Baby Steps Georgia offers up her wedding-planning skills with a spot of wine tasting. (S) (HD)

10.00 New. Love Island: Australia Relationship-based reality show. (S) (HD)

11.10 Botched: Most Outrageous Patients The most memorable patients and their stories of botched surgery. (S) (AD) (HD)

11.40 The Only Way Is Essex Dan is desperate to make it up with Diags. (S) (HD) **12.40–1.00am** Unwind (S) (HD)

ITVBe Freeview 28 Freesat 119 Sky 131 Virgin 119/HD 179 +1 Virgin 120 (Scotland 162)



More4

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A Lake District Farm Shop at Christmas

8.55am Food Unwrapped **9.15** A Place in the Sun **11.05** Find It, Fix It, Flog It (AD) **1.10pm** Heir Hunters **3.10** Four in a Bed **5.55** Escape to the Château: DIY (AD) **6.55pm** **Escape to the Château** Dick and Angel Strawbridge turn their attention to the derelict stone wash house. (AD) **7.55** **Grand Designs** A couple build a shed-like family home and workspace at an old milk yard in south-east London, but their choice of unconventional, industrial-style materials throws up some challenges. (AD) **9.00 New. A Lake District Farm Shop at Christmas** Tebay Services and staff prepare for customers to arrive in their droves. As the festive season approaches, they need to be ready to make this year bigger and better than the last. Head butcher Dave Morland plays a key role in making and selling their table centrepieces and holiday essentials. (AD) **10.00** **Christmas at Castle Howard** Behind-the-scenes access to Castle Howard in North Yorkshire. Creative director Charlotte Lloyd-Webber and her theatrical team transform the castle as they create an extravagant "Christmas in Narnia" theme. (AD) **11.05** **24 Hours in A&E** Feeling dizzy, Eric arrives at St George's with his granddaughter Kayleigh, who recalls how her grandfather stepped in after her father's death. (AD) **12.10am** Eight out of Ten Cats Does Countdown **1.15** Emergency Helicopter Medics (AD) **2.20** 24 Hours in A&E (AD) **3.25-3.55am** Food Unwrapped (AD) **More4** F'view 18 F'sat 124 Sky 136 Virgin 147/HD 195 **+1** Freesat 125 Sky 236 Virgin 196

E4

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6.00am Hollyoaks Shown Mon/Tue 6.30pm C4 (AD) **7.00** Ramsay's Hotel Hell (AD) **8.00** Black-ish (AD) **9.00** How I Met Your Mother: double bill (AD) **10.00** The Big Bang Theory (AD) **11.00** The Goldbergs: double bill (AD) **12 noon** Brooklyn Nine-Nine: double bill (AD) **1.00pm** The Big Bang Theory (AD) **3.00** The Goldbergs (AD) **4.00** Modern Family **5.00** The Big Bang Theory: double bill (AD) **6.00pm** **The Big Bang Theory 9/24** Series 8. Leonard has to go into hospital. (AD) **6.30** **10/24**. Guest-starring LeVar Burton. (AD) **7.00 New. Hollyoaks** Ste is in for a shock. Cast pp79/99 Rptd Thursday 6.30pm C4 (AD) **7.30** **The Big Bang Theory 20/24** Series 5 Penny buys *Star Trek* memorabilia. (AD) **8.00 New. Modern Family 3/24** Series 5 Joe is deemed too aggressive for gym class. **8.30** **4/24**. Phil and Claire skip Luke's volleyball game. Both episodes first shown on Sky **9.00** **Gogglebox** Opinions on *Squid Game*, *The Mating Game* and *Family Fortunes*. (AD) **10.00 New. Celebs Go Dating** Gary Lucy is looking forward to his date at a bowling alley. **11.05** **Gogglebox** Insightful takes on *The Masked Dancer* and *Frozen Planet II*. (AD) **12.10am** First Dates (SL) (AD) **1.15** Celebs Go Dating **2.20 New.** Summer House **3.10** Below Deck (AD) **4.00** Ramsay's Hotel Hell (SL) (AD) **4.50-6.00am** Brooklyn Nine-Nine (SL) (AD) **E4** Freeview 13 Freesat 122 Sky 135 Virgin 106/HD 145 **+1** Freeview 30 Freesat 123 Sky 235 Virgin 146 **E4 Extra** Freeview 31 Freesat 181 Sky 138 Virgin 337

Really

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6.00am Fantasy Homes by the Sea **7.00** Home Shopping **8.00** Salvage Hunters **9.00** The Repair Shop **10.00** Antiques Road Trip **12 noon** Money for Nothing **1.00pm** The Hotel Inspector **2.00** Animal Cops Houston **4.00** Dr Jeff: Rocky Mountain Vet **5.00** Helicopter ER **6.00** The Repair Shop **7.00** Antiques Road Trip **9.00 New.** It's Me or the Dog UK **10.00 New.** Beauty and the Geek UK **11.00** Ghost Adventures (AD) **12 midnight** A Haunting **1.00am** Ghost Adventures (AD) **2.00** Home Shopping **4.00-6.00am** Animal Cops Houston **Really** Freeview 17 Freesat 160 Sky 142 Virgin 128

Sky Arts

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Hitler's Jazz Band

9.00pm Charlie and His Orchestra jazz up Nazism **6.00am** The South Bank Show **7.00** Giselle **9.00** Tales of the Unexpected (AD) **10.00** Alfred Hitchcock Presents **10.55** Discovering: Helen Mirren **11.50** Les Misérables and Victor Hugo: a look at the classic novel **1.00pm** Tales of the Unexpected (AD) **2.00** Anish Kapoor: Stupid Naughty Boy **3.00** Portrait Artist of the Year 2021 (AD) **4.00** Discovering: Vanessa Redgrave **5.00** Tales of the Unexpected (AD) **6.00pm** **Alfred Hitchcock Presents** A reporter tells of his past in arms trafficking. **6.30** A homicide detective is befriended by four elderly women, who invite him for tea. **7.00** **Landscape Artist of the Year 2018** From Inveraray Castle on Loch Fyne. **8.00** **CHOICE New. Best of Portrait Artist of the Year** A look back at the best moments from the ninth season of the painting competition. **See page 86.** **9.00 New. Hitler's Jazz Band** Charting the fascinating story of Karl Schweidler and his leading swing band. **10.00 New. Charlie Watts Jazz Orchestra** A concert by the drummer's jazz ensemble, which includes Courtney Pine and Stan Trace. **11.20** **Chasing Trane: the Story of John Coltrane** The life of the jazz musician. (AD) **1.20am** Javier Bardem: Off Camera: an interview with the actor **2.35** Discovering: Hugh Grant **3.35** Kate Bush: Sensual World **4.00** Cheltenham Literature Festival **5.00** Foreigner: Music Icons **5.30-6.00am** Video Killed the Radio Star **Sky Arts** Freeview 11 Freesat 147 Sky 130 Virgin 165/HD 140 BT 350/HD 365

4seven

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9.00am Four in a Bed **9.30** Come Dine with Me: a Christmas contest in south-east London **12 noon** Kirstie's Handmade Christmas (AD) **1.00pm** Château DIY at Christmas (AD) **2.00** A Place in the Sun: Home or Away **3.00** A Place in the Sun **4.00** Jamie's Italian Christmas (AD) **5.00** Château DIY at Christmas (AD) **6.00pm** **A Place in the Sun** Ben Hillman helps Jacqueline and Lynne find a holiday home in Almería, Spain. Shown 4pm C4 **7.00** **Kirstie's Handmade Christmas 3/10** A handmade decoration competition and making a pop-up card. Shown 5pm C4 (AD) **8.00** **Christmas at... Blenheim Palace 1/3** The mansion stages a retelling of a Hans Christian Andersen story. Shown last Thu C4 (AD) **9.00** **FILM Murder on the Orient Express** ★★★★★ All-star murder mystery starring Kenneth Branagh and Michelle Pfeiffer. Hercule Poirot investigates a death on the luxury train. **Review p53.** Shown Sat 9.15pm C4 (AD) **11.20** **The Disappearance of April Jones 3/3** A look at the forensic evidence and the trial of Mark Bridger. Shown 9pm C4 (AD) **12.20am** 24 Hours in Police Custody (AD) **1.25** Grand Designs (SL) (AD) **2.25** Jamie's Easy Christmas (AD) **3.30** Food Unwrapped's Festive Feast (AD) **4.30-5.00am** The Simpsons (AD)

4seven F'view 49 F'sat 127 Sky 137 Virgin 143/HD 193

Quest

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6.00am How Do They Do It? **6.25** Find It, Fix It, Flog It **7.10** The Repair Shop **8.00** American Pickers **10.00** Chasing Classic Cars **11.00** Fifth Gear **12 noon** Massive Engineering Mistakes **1.00pm** Money for Nothing **2.00** The Repair Shop **3.00** Find It, Fix It, Flog It **4.00** Salvage Hunters **5.00** Salvage Hunters: the Restorers **6.00pm** Wheeler Dealers (AD) **7.00** Aussie Gold Hunters **8.00** Salvage Hunters **10.00** The Repair Shop: restoring a toy cannon, a novelty inkwell and a broken statue **11.00** How Do They Do It? **12 midnight** Wheeler Dealers **1.00am** Chasing Classic Cars **2.00** Salvage Hunters: Classic Cars **3.00** Overhaulin' **4.00-5.00am New.** Snooker **Quest** Freeview 12 Freesat 172/HD 167 Sky 144 Virgin 169 **+1** Freeview 70 Freesat 168 Sky 244 Virgin 213

Yesterday

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Great Continental Railway Journeys

8.00pm Michael arrives in Rotterdam **6.00am** Impossible Engineering (AD) **8.00** Top Gear (AD) **9.00** The World at War **10.00** War Factories **11.00** Great British Railway Journeys **12 noon** Bangers and Cash: Restoring Classics (AD) **1.00pm** Bangers and Cash **2.00** Great British Railway Journeys **4.00** The World at War **5.00** War Factories **6.00pm** **WW2: Battles for Europe** Field Marshal Montgomery's daring airborne plan to end the war by Christmas. **7.00** **Abandoned Engineering** A juggernaut of Soviet engineering which was crucial to the international space race. (AD) **8.00** **Great Continental Railway Journeys** Michael Portillo concludes his journey in the Netherlands, where he travels from Rotterdam to Utrecht, including a visit to the world's largest flower auction. **9.00** **Bangers and Cash** A MG Midget, an Austin-Healey "frogeye" Sprite and an RS2000 come up for auction. **10.00** Dave finds a very rare 70s Sunbeam Lotus that has been in a farmyard for 29 years. **11.00** **Abandoned Engineering** A set of Second World War sea defences. (AD) **12 midnight** Top Gear (AD) **1.00-3.00am** Impossible Engineering: two editions (AD) **Yesterday** Freeview 27 Freesat 159 Sky 155 Virgin 129 **+1** Freeview 75 Sky 255 Virgin 217

Dave

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7.10am Yianni: Supercar Customiser (AD) **8.00** Border Force: America's Gatekeepers (AD) **10.00** Travel Man: 48 Hours in Hamburg (AD) **10.30** Travel Man: 48 Hours in Dubrovnik (AD) **11.00** Ross Noble: Off Road **12 noon** Cops on the Rock (AD) **2.00pm** Top Gear (AD) **3.00** Rick Stein's Long Weekends: the city of Cádiz (AD) **4.00** Top Gear (AD) **6.00pm** **QI XL** Sandi Toksvig on "Queens". **7.00** **Richard Osman's House of Games** With Maggie Aderin-Pocock, the Rev Richard Coles, Stuart Maconie and Lou Sanders. **7.40** **QI XL** Colin Lane, Sarah Millican and Noel Fielding contemplate "numbers". **8.20** **Would I Lie to You?** With Joel Dommett, Sindhu Vee, Alex Horne and AJ Odudu. **9.00** **QI** With Alan Davies, Gyles Brandreth, Susan Calman and Jessica Fostekew. **10.00** **New. Outsiders 5/6** Series 2. The Outsiders put their fashion skills to the test. (AD) **11.00** **Have I Got a Bit More News for You** Steph McGovern hosts an extended edition, with guests Miles Jupp and Sayeeda Warsi. **12 midnight** Mock the Week: double bill **1.20am** Alan Davies: As Yet Untitled **2.25** **QI XL** **2.55** Comedians Giving Lectures **3.30-4.00am** Richard Osman's House of Games **Dave** F'view 19 F'sat 157 Sky 111 (Wales 112) Virgin HD 127 **Dave** **Ja Vu** Freeview 74 Sky 211 (Wales 212) Virgin 131

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6.10am Inside the Ambulance **7.00** DIY SOS: the Big Build **8.00** Tipping Point **10.00** Celebrity Tipping Point **11.00** DIY SOS: the Big Build **12 noon** Inside the Ambulance **2.00pm** Tipping Point **3.00** DIY SOS: the Big Build **5.00** My Family: triple bill (AD) **7.00pm** **MasterChef USA** The hopefuls get a demonstration in unconventional cuisine. **8.00** **Nurses on the Ward** One of Caroline's patients is deteriorating rapidly. (AD) **9.00** **DIY SOS: the Big Build** Nick Knowles and the team make over a house in Cumbria. **10.00** **24 Hours in A&E** A 12-year-old girl needs brain surgery after falling from a cliff. **11.00** **Ski A&E** A heli-rescue from a mountain. **12 midnight** One Born Every Minute **1.00am** Inside the Ambulance at Christmas **2.00-3.00am** Great Ormond Street **W** Freeview 25 Freesat 156 Sky 132 Virgin HD 125 **+1** Sky 232 Virgin 190

5 USA

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9.00am Entertainment News **9.05** NCIS (AD) **12 noon** Law & Order **3.55pm** Entertainment News **4.00** Law & Order (AD) **6.00pm** NCIS Series 16. Triple bill. A murder case is linked to a string of soldiers killed by friendly fire overseas **7.00** The main suspect in a robbery is released from prison **8.00** A newborn baby is found with no family (AD) **9.00 New.** Criminal Minds Series 5. Double bill. The team visits a killer in prison, then the Reaper returns Both episodes first shown on Sky Witness **10.55** Law & Order: Special Victims Unit **12.55am** Criminal Minds. **2.50** Law & Order: Criminal Intent: a murder is linked to a psychological study **3.35-4.00am** Criminals: Caught on Camera: the use of CCTV to fight crime **5 USA** Freeview 21 Freesat 129 Sky 141 Virgin 153 **+1** Freesat 130 Sky 241 Virgin 185

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8.00am Entertainment News **8.10** Rich Kids Go Skint **9.00** Car Pound Cops: Give Me My Car Back! **10.00** Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords **11.00** Shoplifters and Scammers: at War with the Law **12 noon** Entertainment News **12.05pm** Traffic Cops: under Attack **1.05** Traffic Cops **2.05** Police Interceptors **5.10pm** **FILM Double Christmas** ★★ Romantic drama starring Carly Pope. **7.00** **GPs: behind Closed Doors** An aspiring policeman finds a dent in his forehead. **8.00** **Casualty 24/7: Every Second Counts** Staff help a patient who is fitting. **9.00 New. Skin A&E** Dr Emma McMullen inspects a lipoma on a patient's buttock, and Dr Dev Shah treats a collection of skin tags. **10.00** **Call the Bailiffs: Time to Pay Up** Tracking down a chef with an unpaid bill. **11.00** **Car Pound Cops: Give Me My Car Back!** The work of vehicle recovery crews. **12 midnight** **New.** Dirty John: Betty Broderick **1.00am** Killer at the Crime Scene **1.35** Adults Only **2.35** Criminals: Caught on Camera **3.50-4.00am** Entertainment News **5 Star** Freeview 32 Freesat 131 Sky 128 Virgin 151 **+1** Freesat 141 Sky 228 Virgin 186

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9.00am Entertainment News **9.15** Trucking Hell **10.15** Traffic Cops **11.15** Police Interceptors **12.20pm** **FILM** Tribute to a Bad Man ★★★★★ Western starring James Cagney **2.15** **FILM** The Virginian ★★ Western **4.00** Trucking Hell **5.00** Traffic Cops **6.00pm** **Police Interceptors** Dan is involved in a high-speed pursuit. **7.00** Dog handler James "Coups" Coupland chases down a boy racer in a Skoda. **8.00** In Mansfield, Phil Broughton goes under cover to find a man on the wanted list. **9.00** **FILM Mercury Rising** ★★★★★ Action thriller starring Bruce Willis and Alec Baldwin. When an autistic boy cracks a government super-code, only maverick FBI agent Art Jeffries can protect him. **11.15** **FILM Rise of the Footsoldier 4: Marbella** ★★ Crime drama starring Craig Fairbrass. Now out of prison, gangster Pat Tate heads to Spain where he is offered a chance to participate in a major drug deal. **1.00am** Lucifer **2.00** Professionals **3.05** Wanted **3.55** World's Deadliest Weather: Caught on Camera **4.50-5.00am** Entertainment News **5 Action** F'view 33 F'sat 132 Sky 150 Virgin 187/HD 150

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9.00am Entertainment News **9.10** **FILM** A Christmas Arrangement ★★ **11.05** **FILM** Hope at Christmas ★★ **1.00pm** GPs: behind Closed Doors **3.00** Classic Cash in the Attic **6.00pm** **The Sinking of the Costa Concordia** The story of the 2012 disaster. **7.00** The rescue operation after the disaster. **8.00** **The Vanishing of Flight MH370** The disappearance of the Malaysia Airlines flight. **9.55** **Forged in Fire** Two bladesmiths craft an Ancient Roman gladiator's scissor. **10.50** Masters compete alongside their apprentices in this first-ever team challenge. **11.50** **Viking Seas: Drain the Oceans** Experts search for the battleship the *Mars*. **12.50am** The American Revolution: Drain the Oceans **1.55** Raiders of the Civil War: Drain the Oceans **2.55** Pirate Ships of the Caribbean: Drain the Oceans **3.50-4.00am** Entertainment News **5 Select** F'view (HD only) 56 F'sat 133 Sky 153 Virgin 152

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WEDNESDAY Freeview & films

PBS America 84



1066: a Year to Conquer England 7.25pm Dan Snow

8.00am Beautiful Serengeti **8.30** Saints and Sinners: a Millennium of Monasteries (S) **9.45** 1066: a Year to Conquer England **10.55** WWII in the Pacific **11.55** Inside Japan's War (S) **1.00pm** Beautiful Serengeti **1.30** Saints and Sinners: a Millennium of Monasteries (S) **2.50** 1066: a Year to Conquer England **4.00** WWII in the Pacific **5.00** Inside Japan's War (S)

6.10pm Saints and Sinners: a Millennium of Monasteries **2/3**. A look at the golden age of the British monastery. (S)

7.25 1066: a Year to Conquer England **2/3**. King Harold of England is faced by two invading forces.

8.35 WWII in the Pacific **2/3** The US Navy fleet's bloody war of attrition against the Japanese.

9.40 Inside Japan's War **2/4** How Japan secured victory in Malaya and the fall of Singapore. (S)

10.50 1066: a Year to Conquer England As 7.25pm.

12 midnight WWII in the Pacific **1.05–2.00am** Beautiful Serengeti

PBS America F'view 84 (1pm–12 midnight only) Freesat 155 Sky 174 Virgin 273

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7.00am Border Security: America's Front Line **8.00** Motorway Patrol **9.00** Police Ten 7 **10.00** Nothing to Declare (AD) **11.00** Highway Patrol **12 noon** Highway Cops (AD) **1.00pm** Border Patrol **2.00** Border Security: America's Front Line **2.30** Border Security USA (AD) **3.00** Nothing to Declare (AD) **4.00** Star Trek: the Next Generation **5.00** Star Trek: Enterprise **6.00** Star Trek: Deep Space Nine: Odo helps a pregnant Lwaxana Troi **7.00** Hawaii Five-O: a fatal hit-and-run involves a driverless car carrying heroin **8.00** Nothing to Declare **9.00** Agatha Raisin (AD) **11.00** World's Most Evil Killers **12 midnight** Britain's Most Evil Killers **1.00am** Caribbean Cops (AD) **2.00** Nothing to Declare (AD) **3.00** Border Patrol **4.00** Motorway Patrol (AD) **5.00–6.00am** Police Ten 7: double bill

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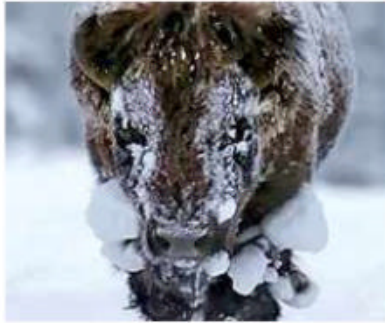
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7.00am Escape to the Country (AD) **8.00** The Restoration Man **9.00** A Place in the Sun: Home or Away **10.00** Homes under the Hammer **11.00** Escape to the Country **12 noon** My Lottery Dream Home International **12.30pm** My Lottery Dream Home **1.00** Married to Real Estate **2.00** Unsellable Houses **3.00** The Restoration Man **4.00** Good Bones **5.00** Homes under the Hammer **6.00** A Place in the Sun: Home or Away **7.00** Escape to the Country **9.00** Good Bones **10.00** **New**. Home Town (AD) **12 midnight** Escape to the Country **1.00am** Homes under the Hammer **2.00** Good Bones **3.00** as 12 noon **3.30–4.00am** My Lottery Dream Home

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FREEVIEW channels continued from overleaf

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Epic Yellowstone 9.00pm Bison on a 700-mile journey

6.00am Aerial America (HD) **7.00** Air Warriors (HD) **10.00** Master of Glass: the Art of Dale Chihuly **11.00** Searching for Secrets (HD) **1.00pm** Aerial Argentina **2.00** Food Factories: How They Work (HD) **3.00** Aerial Ireland (HD) **4.00** Master of Glass: the Art of Dale Chihuly **5.00** Searching for Secrets (HD)

6.00pm Searching for Secrets **5/6**. A tour of Paris reveals the city's little-known secrets, hidden in its catacombs, on its boulevards or on display along the Seine. (HD)

7.00 The Last Buffalo The fall and rise of the American bison. (HD)

8.00 Epic Yellowstone **3/4** The consequences of famine, fire, floods and the big freeze. (HD) **9.00 4/4**. Trumpeter swans, river otters, grizzlies and bison. (HD)

10.00 Aerial Argentina Ep 2 A look at the Patagonia region.

11.00 Epic Yellowstone As 8/9pm.

1.00am Aerial Argentina

2.00 Air Warriors (HD) **3.00–**

6.00am Aerial America (HD)

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Great TV 50

6.00am Sue Thomas: F.B.Eye **8.00** Highway to Heaven **10.00** **FILM** The Perfect Christmas Village ★★ Fantasy **11.50** Movie News **12 noon** Castle **1.00pm** Body of Proof **3.00** Sue Thomas: F.B.Eye **5.00** Murder, She Wrote: double bill **7.00** M*A*S*H **9.00** Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased) **10.00** The Persuaders! **11.00** Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? **12 midnight** M*A*S*H **2.00am** Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased) **3.00** Sue Thomas: F.B.Eye **4.30–6.00am** Highway to Heaven

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RealityXtra 68

9.00am Perry Mason **11.00** Matlock **12 noon** NCIS **1.00pm** JAG **3.00** Perry Mason **5.00** Unsolved Mysteries **6.55** Judge Judy **9.00** NCIS: the kidnapping of an American social worker in Syria is linked to a US citizen **10.00** Unsolved Mysteries: double bill. A legendary Canadian monster, then a serial attacker may be targeting women on America's Route 29 **11.55** Judge Judy **2.00am** NCIS **3.00** Evidence of Evil **5.00–6.00am** Matlock

RealityXtra Freeview 68 Freesat 134 Sky 147 Virgin 197

BBC Parliament 232

7.30am Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office Questions **8.30** House of Commons **9.30** Live Select Committees **11.30** Northern Ireland Office Questions **12 noon** Prime Minister's Questions: the PM answers questions in the Commons **12.35pm** Live House of Commons **7.30** Live House of Lords **10.00** Prime Minister's Questions **10.35** Lords Questions **11.15–7.00am** House of Lords

BBC Parliament Freeview 232 Freesat 201 Sky 504 Virgin 605

Food Network 43



Cake Wars 11.00pm Carver Chad Hartson gets to work

6.00am Santa's Baking Blizzard (HD) **7.00** Cake Wars Christmas: Santa's Makeover (HD) **8.00** James Martin: Home Comforts at Christmas (S) (AD) (HD) **9.00** Gordon's Ultimate Seasonal Specials (S) (HD) **10.00** The Pioneer Woman (S) (HD) **10.30** Barefoot Contessa (HD) **11.00** River Cottage **12 noon** Jamie's Family Christmas (S) (HD) **1.00pm** Nigel Slater's Christmas Suppers (S) (HD) **2.00** James Martin: Home Comforts at Christmas (S) (AD) (HD) **3.00** Gordon's Ultimate Seasonal Specials (S) (HD) **4.00** River Cottage **5.00** The Pioneer Woman (S) (HD) **5.30** Barefoot Contessa (HD) **6.00** Nigel Slater's Christmas Suppers (S) (HD) **7.00** Jamie's Family Christmas (S) (HD) **7.30** Jamie's Family Christmas (S) (HD) **8.00** James Martin: Home Comforts at Christmas (S) (AD) (HD) **9.00** Gordon's Ultimate Seasonal Specials (S) (HD) **10.00** Nigel Slater's Christmas Suppers (S) (HD) **11.00** **New**. Cake Wars (HD) **12 midnight** River Cottage **1.00am** Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives (S) (HD) **2.00–3.00am** Michel Roux's French Country Cooking (S) (AD) (HD)

Food Network Freeview 43 Freesat 148 Sky 140 Virgin 285

Blaze 64

6.00am Hardcore Pawn **7.45** Storm Stories **8.40** Ancient Aliens **10.40** Storage Wars Canada **11.10** Storage Wars **12.10pm** Pawn Stars **2.05** Hardcore Pawn **4.00** Ancient Aliens **6.00** Storm Stories **7.00** Auction Hunters: Pawn Shop Edition **8.00** Dickinson's Real Deal: a gold-handled walking stick is valued in Middlesbrough **9.00** Paranormal: Caught on Camera: triple bill. A man believes a poltergeist is causing his health problems **10.00** Ghost hunters set out to prove that a family's home is being terrorised by an evil spirit **11.00** A man and his neighbour watch two bizarre objects flying overhead **12 midnight** The Real Conjuring: Our Story **2.00am** Auction Hunters: Pawn Shop Edition **3.00** Dickinson's Real Deal **3.45** Storage Wars Canada **4.10–6.00am** Pawn Stars

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Challenge 48

7.00am The Chase **10.00** Supermarket Sweep **11.00** Family Fortunes **12 noon** Wheel of Fortune (AD) **1.00pm** Catchphrase (AD) **2.00** Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? **3.00** Family Fortunes (AD) **4.00** Bruce's Price Is Right (AD) **5.00** Bullseye: darts-based quiz **6.00pm** Cash Trapped: quiz hosted by Bradley Walsh **7.00** Pointless Celebrities: a *Strictly* special finds Brendan Cole and Sophie Ellis-Bextor, Chris Hollins and Russell Grant, Aliona Vilani and Jay McGuinness, and Anton Du Beke and Erin Boag, competing to prove they can be on point with their answers **8.00** The Chase **10.00** Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?: quiz presented by Chris Tarrant **11.00** Bullseye **12 midnight** The Chase: four editions of the quiz show **4.00am** Scrapheap Challenge **5.00–6.00am** Bullseye

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CHILDREN'S

Milkshake! on C5

5.45am Pip and Posy **6.00** Peppa Pig **6.10** The Secret Life of Puppies **6.15** Oggy Oggy **6.25** Blue's Clues & You **6.45** Fireman Sam **6.55** Thomas & Friends **7.10** Peppa Pig **7.30** Paw Patrol **7.50** Milo **8.05** Pip and Posy **8.15** The Adventures of Paddington **8.30** Paw Patrol **8.45** Daisy & Ollie **8.55** Odo **9.05** Sunny Bunnies **9.10–9.15am** **New**. Let's Go Treasure Seeking!

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CBeebies 202

6.00am Raa Raa **6.10** Bing **6.20** Teletubbies **6.35** Tee and Mo **6.40** Tish Tash **6.45** Chuggington **7.00** Bing **7.05** Hey Duggee **7.15** Hey Duggee **7.25** Bluey **7.40** Go Jetters **7.50** Peter Rabbit **8.05** Peter Rabbit's Christmas Tale **8.25** Hey Duggee **8.30** Alphablocks **8.35** Justin's House **9.00** Bing **9.10** Yakka Dee! **9.15** Messy Goes to OKIDO **9.25** Colourblocks **9.30** Twirlywoos **9.45** Something Special **10.05** Teletubbies **10.20** Baby Club **10.35** Tish Tash **10.40** Hey Duggee **10.45** Roots and Fruits **10.50** Kiri & Lou **11.00** Olga Da Polga **11.10** Let's Go for a Walk **11.25** School of Roars **11.30** Teeny Tiny Creatures **11.45** Our Family **12 noon** My World Kitchen **12.10pm** Andy's Dinosaur Adventures **12.25** Waffle **12.40** Nick Cope's Popcast: Elf **12.45** Go Jetters **1.00** Yakka Dee! **1.05** Numberblocks **1.10** Alphablocks **1.15** Dog Loves Books **1.25** Hey Duggee **1.30** Love Monster **1.35** Nick Cope's Popcast **1.45** Something Special **2.05** Teletubbies **2.20** Bluey **2.25** Go Jetters **2.40** Timmy Time **2.45** Eco Quest **3.00** Grace's Amazing Machines **3.10** Swashbuckle **3.35** Hey Duggee **3.45** Teeny Tiny Creatures **4.00** Dog Squad **4.10** Go Jetters **4.25** Bluey **4.40** Supertato **4.45** Spidey and His Amazing Friends **5.10** Peter Rabbit's Christmas Tale **5.35** Woolly & Tig: The Play **5.45** Moon and Me **6.10** Clangers **6.20** In the Night Garden... **6.50** Hushabye Lullabye **6.50–7.00pm** CBeebies Bedtime Stories

CBeebies F'view 202 F'sat 608 Sky 608 Virgin 702

CBBC 201

7.00am Shaun the Sheep **7.05** Sketchy Comedy **7.10** Danger Mouse **7.20** Dennis & Gnasher **7.35** Boy Girl Dog Cat **7.45** **New**. Newsround **7.55** Ninja Express **8.10** Odd Squad **8.25** Do Try This at Home **8.35** Gym Stars **9.00** The Next Step **9.20** Deadly 60 **9.50** Nine Minute Ninja **10.00** Horrible Histories **10.30** Operation Ouch 5! Hospital Takeover; Our CBBC **11.00** Bitesize Daily **11.20** Wow That's Amazing **11.35** One Zoo Three **12 noon** Our School **12.20pm** Dragons: Riders of Berk **12.45** Boy Girl Dog Cat **12.55** Shaun the Sheep **1.00** Dodger **1.50** Wallace & Gromit: The Wrong Trousers **2.20** Diddy TV **2.35** 4 o'Clock Club **3.00** Odd Tubes **3.05** **New**. Clipheads **3.20** **New**. Best in the World **3.35** Dennis & Gnasher Unleashed! **3.45** Danger Mouse **4.00** Boy Girl Dog Cat **4.10** Odd Squad **4.25** **New**. Monster Loving Maniacs **4.40** **New**. Dragons: the Nine Realms **5.00** **New**. We Bare Bears **5.15** Summer Camp Island **5.30** The Dengineers **6.00** 4 o'Clock Club **6.30** Secret Life of Boys **6.35–7.00pm** **New**. The Next Step

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CITV

6.00am Scooby-Doo **6.25** Dare Master **6.30** Thunderbirds Are Go **7.00** Mr Magoo **7.30** Lloyd of the Flies **7.45** TDave Spud **8.00** Inspector Gadget **8.15** Dorg Van Dango **8.30** Scooby-Doo! **9.50** Dave Spud **10.00** Teen Titans Go! **10.30** DC Super Hero Girls **11.00** Mr Bean: the Animated Series **11.30** Mr Magoo **12 noon** Mighty Mike **12.35pm** Makeaway Takeaway **1.00** How **1.30** Spy School **1.55** Tata and Kuma **2.00** Robozuna **2.30** Thunderbirds Are Go **2.55** Tata and Kuma **3.00** Captain Underpants **3.30** Scooby-Doo **4.30** Mr Magoo **5.00** Lloyd of the Flies **5.15** Dave Spud **5.30** Inspector Gadget **5.45** Dorg Van Dango **6.00** Makeaway Takeaway **6.30** Teen Titans Go! **7.00** Camp Cretaceous **7.30** Scooby-Doo **8.00** How **8.25** Mr Bean: the Animated Series **8.55–9.00pm** Dare Master

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FILMS

Film4 14

11.00am Shenandoah ★★★★★ Moving western drama starring James Stewart as a widower whose opposition to the Civil War is challenged by tragic events. (1965, PG) (S)

1.10pm The Holly and the Ivy ★★ A vicar gathers his family for a startling revelation in this seasonal drama. Ralph Richardson, Celia Johnson (1952, U) (S)

2.50 Cat Ballou ★★★★★ Entertaining comedy western starring Jane Fonda and Lee Marvin. **Review, right.** (1965, PG) (S)

4.40 Star Trek: Insurrection ★★★★★ This light-hearted sci-fi outing sees two alien races locked in a struggle on a Fountain of Youth planet. **Review, right.** (1998, PG) (S) (AD)

6.45pm Star Trek: Nemesis ★★★★★ Captain Picard clashes with his evil clone in this action-packed adventure for the *Next Generation* crew. Patrick Stewart (2002, 12) (S) (AD)

9.00 Independence Day: Resurgence ★★ The interstellar invaders return in Roland Emmerich's underpowered sci-fi sequel. Liam Hemsworth (2016, 12) (S) (AD)

11.20 Filth ★★★★★ Adaptation of Irvine Welsh's blackly comic novel about a detective's descent into drink, drugs and debauchery. **Review, right.** James McAvo (2013, 18) (S) (AD)

1.15–3.25am Deed of Death ★★★★★ Unpolished but exhilarating Malaysian martial arts flick about a family threatened by a loan shark. Namron, Khoharullah Majid (2019) (S)

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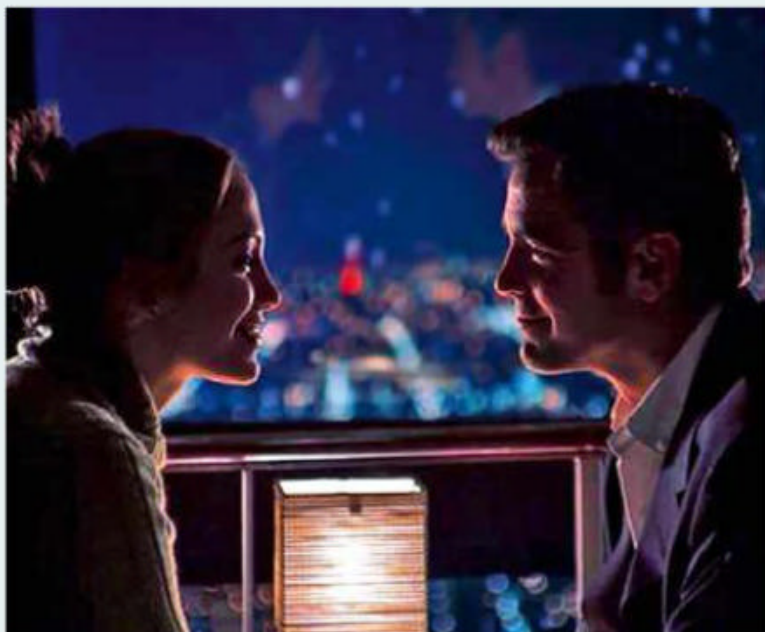
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6.00am The Detectives TV crime drama. **6.30 The Bullfighters** ★ Disappointing late Laurel and Hardy film. (1945, PG) (S) **7.45 Enter Inspector Duval** ★★ Shambling British crime flick. (1961, U) (S) **9.00 Dick Powell's Zane Grey Theatre** TV anthology series. **9.35 The Honey Pot** ★★ Comedy about a millionaire who pretends that he is dying. (1967, PG) (S) **12.20pm Back Room Boy** ★★ Diverting if rather strained wartime comedy. (1942, U) (S) **2.00 Upstairs, Downstairs** Classic period drama. **3.05 The Proud Rebel** ★★★★★ Michael Curtiz's masterfully directed western about a boy who has been mute since his mother's death. (1958, U) (S) **5.15 Colorado Sundown** ★★★★★ Neat, lean western about a land dispute turned deadly. (1952)

6.45pm Black Saddle TV western. **7.30 Time to Remember** The end of the First World War. (S) **8.00 The Onedin Line** TV drama. (S) **9.00 Perfect Friday** ★★ Crime comedy in which a timid banker teams up with an aristocratic wastrel and his wife to rob his own bank. **Review, right.** (1970, 12) (S) **10.55 The Knack... and How to Get It** ★★ Fascinating Swinging Sixties comedy with Michael Crawford as a timid teacher out to learn the art of seduction. (1965, 15) (S) **12.40am Halls of Montezuma** ★★★★★ This Second World War action drama is extremely enjoyable, thanks largely to an excellent cast headed by Richard Widmark. (1950, U) (S) **2.55 The Long Night** ★★★★★ Watchable drama with Henry Fonda as a war veteran-turned killer who refuses to surrender to the police. (1947, PG) (S) **4.55–5.45am All in Good Fun** ★★★★★ Comedy compilation featuring silent film excerpts. (1955, U) (S)

Talking Pictures TV Freeview 82 Freesat 306 Sky 328 Virgin 445

FILM REVIEWS



Films on BBC1 & ITV1 may be affected by World Cup football

bored wife Ursula Andress for a raid on his own bank. The scam is smoothly staged, although the suspense seems contrived. **DAVID PARKINSON** (UK 1970, some swearing, a sex scene, brief nudity)

Shirley Valentine ★★★★★
10.00pm-12.15am **C5** **15**

COMEDY This is the movie that brought cinema stardom to Pauline Collins. She delivers a sublime performance as the long-suffering housewife who decamps to a Greek island. Bernard Hill also convinces as Shirley's bullish husband, but Tom Conti is pure ham as her Greek lover. Willy Russell adapts from his own stage play, with director Lewis Gilbert neatly retaining many of his original theatrical devices. **SIMON ROSE** (US/UK 1989, swearing, brief nudity, HD)

Filth ★★★★★
11.20pm-1.15am **Film4** **18**

DRAMA Irvine Welsh's novel is streamlined into a comic tragedy by writer/director Jon S Baird. In a vanity-free performance, James McAvoy plays a misanthropic, bipolar Edinburgh detective who descends into a hell of drink, drugs and debasement. Jim Broadbent and Jamie Bell also feature in the top-flight cast. **ANDREW COLLINS** (UK/Ger/Swe/Bel/US 2013, violence, swearing, drug abuse, sex scenes, nudity, HD)

Sky Cinema picks

Penguins of Madagascar ★★★★★ 3.00-4.35pm
Sky Animation
Animated spy caper with the *Madagascar* birds. (2014, U)
Sky 305; Virgin 412; BT 500/514

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory ★★★★★
7.15-9.15pm **Sky Family**
Tim Burton directs. (2005, PG)
Sky 306; Virgin 406; BT 506/520

2 Guns ★★★★★
8.00-10.00pm **Sky Thriller**
Denzel Washington and Mark Wahlberg crime caper. (2013, 15)
Sky 309; Virgin 409; BT 509/523

The Fugitive ★★★★★
11.10pm-1.20am **Sky Action** **15**
Wanted: Harrison Ford. (1993, HD)
Sky 307; Virgin 407; BT 507/521

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Netflix, Amazon, Disney+ and more

Sky Premiere

6.50am A Christmas Story Christmas As 3.55pm **8.40 The Nan Movie** As 9.15pm **10.20 Prancer: a Christmas Tale** ★★ Warm-hearted family drama. James Cromwell (2022) **12.10pm Inbetween Girl** ★★★★★ Honest, insightful coming-of-age flick. (2021) **1.55 The Outfit** ★★★★★ Effective 1950s-set crime drama. Mark Rylance (2022, 15) **3.55 A Christmas Story Christmas** ★★ Sequel to 1983 festive classic *A Christmas Story*. (2022) **5.45 Together Together** ★★★★★ Bittersweet romcom. Ed Helms, Patti Harrison (2021, 15) **7.25pm This Is Christmas** ★★★★★ Feel-good British festive romcom about a pair of commuters who make a connection. Alfred Enoch (2022) **9.15 The Nan Movie** ★ Woeful big-screen road comedy. (2022, 15) **10.55 The Batman** ★★★★★ Robert Pattinson stars in this starry, ultra-moody take on DC's iconic crime-fighter. Zoë Kravitz (2022, 15) **1.50am Inbetween Girl** As 12.10pm **3.25 The Outfit** As 1.55pm **5.15 The Reef: Stalked** ★★ Hackneyed horror sequel. Teresa Liane (2022, 15)
Sky Premiere Sky 301 Virgin 401 BT 501/HD 515 +1 Sky 312

Great Movies 34

9.00am The Killer Trainer ★★ Initially creepy but then just dull TV-movie thriller. (2018) **11.00 Til Ex Do Us Part** ★★ Made-for-TV thriller. Kelly Sullivan (2018) **1.00pm Signed, Sealed, Delivered** **3.00 Framed for Murder: a Fixer Upper Mystery** **5.00 Oceans Rising** ★★ Low-budget disaster movie. Jason Tobias (2017, 12) **7.00pm My Midwife is Murder** ★★ Secrets unravel in a thriller that sees a mum-to-be's world shattered. Katie Savoy, Penelope Mitchell (2018) **9.00 Sicario** ★★★★★ Tense thriller about a team fighting drug cartels on the Mexican border. Emily Blunt, Benicio Del Toro, Josh Brolin (2015, 15) **11.35 Drive** ★★★★★ Ryan Gosling is in the driver's seat for this intense and stylish crime drama. (2011, 18) **1.40am Southern Fury** ★★ Grisly action flick about a man setting out to rescue his ex-con brother. Nicolas Cage (2017, 18) **3.45-5.50am Ricki and the Flash** ★★★★★ Meryl Streep convinces as a failed rock star with a heart of gold. Kevin Kline (2015, 12)
Great Movies Freeview 34 Freesat 302 Sky 321 Virgin 425 +1 Freeview 61 (limited 10pm-5am) Sky 322

Great Movies Christmas

6.00am A Mission for Christmas ★★ Likeable fantasy. (2015) **8.00 Eve's Christmas** ★★ Derivative fantasy comedy. (2004, PG) **10.00 Christmas Mix** ★★ Predictable drama. (2014) **12 noon A Cinderella Christmas** ★★ Reworking of the fairy tale. (2016) **2.00pm My Christmas Dream** ★★ Likeable romance. (2016) **4.00 The Mistletoe Promise** ★★ Romance. Jaime King (2016) **6.00pm Christmas Mail** ★★ Sweet and fluffy romcom. (2010, U) **8.00 Santa's Summer House** ★ Painfully awful fodder. (2012) **10.00 Marrying Father Christmas** ★★ A yuletide wedding brings its own complications. Erin Krakow (2018) **12 midnight A Christmas Wedding** ★★ Undemanding romantic comedy. (2006, PG) **2.10am Highway to Heaven** **3.00 The Secret of the Nutcracker** ★★ Fantasy drama. (2007) **4.25-6.00am Mandie and the Forgotten Christmas** ★★ Mystery. (2011)
Great Movies Christmas F'view 52 (limited) Freesat 303 Sky 319 Virgin 424 +1 F'view 63 (limited 10pm-5am) F'sat 304 Sky 320

TCM Movies

6.00am Hollywood's Best Film Directors **7.10 Off Set** **7.25 The Man from UNCLE** **9.35 Fort Worth** ★★ Watchable if rather predictable western. Randolph Scott (1951, U) **11.15 The Man from UNCLE** **1.30pm Murder at the Gallop** ★★★★★ Entertaining murder mystery. Margaret Rutherford (1963, U) **3.15 The Desperate Hours** ★★★★★ Searing thriller in which an escaped convict holds Fredric March and his family hostage. Humphrey Bogart (1955, PG) **5.35 Wagons West** ★★ Competent western. (1952, U) **7.10pm Murder She Said** ★★ Uninteresting murder mystery. Margaret Rutherford, Arthur Kennedy (1961, PG) **9.00 Criminal** ★★★★★ Knowingly played crime thriller in which the mind of a dead CIA agent is implanted into a sociopath. (2016, 15) **11.20 Lethal Weapon** ★★★★★ Violent thriller about a detective and a veteran cop who team up to take down a drugs ring. (1987, 18) **1.35am The Hired Gun** ★★ B-movie western. Rory Calhoun (1957, U) **2.45 Off Set** **3.00 Close Up** **5.00 Hollywood's Best Film Directors**
TCM Movies Sky 315 Virgin 415/HD 416 +1 Sky 316 Virgin 417

Great Movies Action

6.00am M*A*S*H **7.00 Lost Command** ★★ So-so war drama. Anthony Quinn (1966, 15) **9.30 Earthstorm** ★ Derivative, cliché-ridden disaster movie. (2006) **11.10 Bombers of the Second World War** **12 noon M*A*S*H** **1.00pm The Desperadoes** ★★ Routine western. Randolph Scott (1943, U) **2.50 Boot Hill** ★★ Spaghetti western. Bud Spencer (1969, PG) **4.40 Snipers** **5.35 Fort Ti** ★★ Routine action movie. George Montgomery (1953, U) **7.10pm Storm** ★★ Far-fetched action thriller. Luke Perry (1999, 12) **9.00 Blood of Redemption** ★★ Goofily predictable action thriller. Dolph Lundgren, Billy Zane (2013, 15) **10.45 Assassination Games** ★★ Punchy thriller in which two killers are offered the same job. Jean-Claude Van Damme, Scott Adkins (2011, 18) **12.50am Inherit the Viper** ★★ Moody but clunky crime drama. Josh Hartnett (2019, 15) **2.35-4.00am The Traitors** ★★★★★ Efficient spy thriller. Patrick Allen, Jacqueline Ellis (1962, U)
Great Movies Action Freeview 42 (limited) F'sat 305 Sky 323 Virgin 426 +1 Sky 324

Legend

8.00am Walker, Texas Ranger **9.00 Knight Rider** **10.00 Star Trek: the Next Generation** **11.00 Battlestar Wars** ★ Zero-budget, CGI-heavy sci-fi mockbuster. Luke Fattorusso, Alyson Gorske (2020, 12) **1.00pm Dark Skies** ★ Cheap and farfetched disaster movie. Shawn Roberts (2009) **3.00 Instrument of War** ★★★★★ Stirring true-story wartime drama. Jack Ashton, Elliot James Langridge (2017, 12) **5.00 Star Trek** **6.00pm Star Trek: the Next Generation** TV sci-fi adventure. **7.00 Knight Rider** TV sci-fi. **8.00 Walker, Texas Ranger** TV western action series. **9.00 Christine** ★★★★★ A man's jealous car begins a killing spree in this enjoyable chiller adapted from the novel by Stephen King. (1983, 18) **11.10 Jackals** ★★ Occasionally effective home-invasion horror. Johnathon Schaech, Deborah Kara Unger (2017, 15) **12.55am Zombeavers** ★★ Tongue-in-cheek, low-budget horror. Cortney Palm, Rachel Melvin (2014, 15) **2.25-4.20am Odd Thomas** ★★ Clunky supernatural thriller. Anton Yelchin, Addison Timlin, Willem Dafoe (2013, 15)
Legend F'view 41 F'sat 137 Sky 148 Virgin 149

FILM OF THE DAY

Out of Sight ★★★★★ 10.40pm-1.25am
BBC1 (starts 11.25pm in Scotland) **15**

CRIME George Clooney and Jennifer Lopez sizzle in this sexy caper from Steven Soderbergh, which elegantly combines 1970s heist-picture tropes with sparkling romantic comedy. Adapted from the novel by Elmore Leonard, the plot gets a classy makeover that has the stars on opposite sides of the law and fighting their instant attraction when robber Clooney escapes from prison and US Marshal Lopez vows to bring him to justice. With its intricate flashbacks and keen visual style, this is an ambitious, accomplished work. **ALAN JONES** (US 1998, violence, swearing, a sex scene, HD)

Cat Ballou ★★★★★
2.50-4.40pm **Film4** **PG**

COMEDY Jane Fonda's teacher hires a gunman to avenge her murdered father in this entertaining western. The man she winds up with is Kid Shelleen (Lee Marvin), a buckskinned gunfighter who wakes up sozzled and gets worse by the minute. This showpiece role won an Oscar for Marvin, while Nat King Cole and Stubby Kaye string along for a singalong in what is a very amiable affair. **ADRIAN TURNER** (US 1965, HD)

Star Trek: Insurrection ★★★★★
4.40-6.45pm **Film4** **PG**

SCI-FI Continuing Film4's *Trek* season, this ninth outing again features the *Next Generation* crew. It concerns a planet of perpetual youth, and the two races locked in a struggle for the right to use it. The space heroics are resolutely by the book, but F Murray Abraham plays an unusual villain, and Donna Murphy is affecting as the love interest of Picard (Patrick Stewart). Followed by *Star Trek: Nemesis*. **AJ** (US 1998, some violence, swearing, HD)

Pitch Perfect ★★★★★
7.50-10.00pm **ITV2** **12**

MUSICAL This campus comedy has a terrific script

and enough razor-sharp energy to make up for a fistful of clichés. Anna Kendrick plays a would-be DJ who becomes embroiled in the cut-throat world of university *a cappella* singing. After a humiliating defeat the previous year, the troupe revamps itself to go up against male rivals the Treblemakers. **KAREN KRIZANOVICH** (US 2012, edited for content, HD)

Conan the Barbarian ★★★★★
9.00-11.40pm **ITV4** **15**

FANTASY John Milius's sword-and-sorcery epic sees Arnold Schwarzenegger's hero venture forth to avenge his parents' death at the hands of James Earl Jones's warlord. He's aided in his quest by thief Sandahl Bergman and would-be comic sidekick Gerry Lopez. It's all rather humourless, but it looks fabulous. **TOM HUTCHINSON** (US 1982, violence, swearing, sex scenes, nudity, HD)

Perfect Friday ★★★★★
9.00-10.55pm
Talking Pictures TV **12**

CRIME This rarely shown caper is hardly the kind of material normally associated with its director, theatre titan Peter Hall. Stanley Baker stars as the timid banker who teams up with aristocratic wastrel David Warner and his

WEDNESDAY

Satellite, cable

Sky Showcase



Rosie Molloy Gives Up Everything 10.00pm Rosie

6.00am The Early Rundown (HD) **7.00** Kay Burley (HD) **8.00** Hope for Wildlife (S) (HD) **9.00** Nothing to Declare (S) (HD) **10.00** Supergirl (S) (HD) **11.00** NCIS: New Orleans (S) (HD) **1.00pm** Hawaii Five-O (S) (HD) **2.00** S.W.A.T. (S) (AD) (HD) **3.00** Big Beasts: Last of the Giants (S) (AD) (HD) **4.00** Will & Grace (S) (AD) (HD) **5.00** The Simpsons (S) (HD) **5.30** Futurama: double bill (S) (AD)

6.30pm The Simpsons (S) (HD)

8.00 New. Best of Portrait Artist of the Year 11/12 Series 9 **RT** The best moments from the ninth season. **See p86.** (HD)

9.00 David Blaine: Real or Magic? Mind-boggling tricks. (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 Rosie Molloy Gives Up Everything 2/6. Rosie decides it is better to cut down than give up. **See p87.** (HD)

10.30 Rob and Romesh vs the Three Lions Ep 1 Series 5. (S)

11.30 New. Avenue 5 5/8 **RT** Series 2. Passengers vote on the ship's leadership. (HD)

12.05am New. 6/8. A possible solution appears. **See p87.** (HD)

12.40 The Russell Howard Hour (HD) **1.25** The Force: Manchester (S) **2.25** Road Wars (S) **3.00** Hawaii Five-O (S) (HD) **4.00** S.W.A.T. (S) (AD) (HD) **5.00–6.00am** The Early Rundown (HD)

Sky Showcase Sky 106 Virgin 110/HD 109 BT 340/HD 355 **+1** Sky 206

Sky Sci-Fi

6.00am Fact or Faked: Paranormal Files **7.00** The Librarians **8.00** Home Shopping **11.00 V 12 noon** Star Trek: the Next Generation **2.00pm** Warehouse 13 **3.00** The Librarians **4.00 V 5.00** Stargate SG-1: Teal'c is stung by a giant insect

6.00pm Star Trek: the Next Generation 2/26 Series 4 Picard returns to his roots in France as he recuperates from his ordeal at the hands of the Borg. **7.00 3/26.** A reunion between Data and his creator is disrupted by the arrival of his brother Lore.

8.00 Merlin 2/13 Series 3 Morgana summons a skeleton army during a battle at the citadel, forcing Merlin to find a way to vanquish the enemy while keeping his powers a secret.

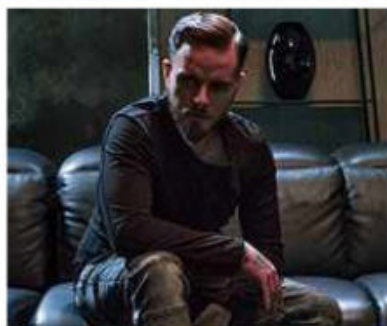
9.00 John Carpenter's Vampires **★★★** Horror directed by John Carpenter, and starring James Woods. Tough, embittered Jack Crow is hired by the Vatican to destroy nests of the undead. When bloodsucker Valek massacres most of Crow's posse, the vampire slayer sets out to exact his revenge.

11.05 The Leftovers 7/8 Series 3 On a mission of mercy, Kevin assumes an alternative identity. **12.15am 8/8.** Nora decides to enter the experimental machine.

1.30 Wynonna Earp **2.20** Stargate SG-1 **3.15 V 4.10–6.00am** Star Trek: the Next Generation

Sky Sci-Fi Sky 139 Virgin 139/HD 138 BT 348/HD 363 **+1** Virgin 229

Sky Atlantic



Gomorrah 3.30pm Enzo is more isolated than ever

6.00am Richard E Grant's Hotel Secrets (S) (AD) **7.45** Gomorrah (S) (AD) (HD) **10.00** True Blood (S) **12.05pm** Game of Thrones (S) (AD) **1.05** True Detective (S) (AD) **3.30** Gomorrah (S) **5.45** The Baby (S) (AD)

6.30pm I Hate Suzie 3/8 Privacy is an issue, as Suzie finds hers invaded once again. (S) (AD) **7.10 4/8.** Suzie gives a disastrous interview and struggles to make peace with her own desires. (S)

7.55 Game of Thrones 7/10 Series 1. House Lannister prepares for conflict, Ned confronts Cersei about Jon Arryn's death and Khal Drogo vows revenge.

9.00 8/10. The Lannisters launch their bid for the throne, Robb rounds up his allies and Tyrion forms an unlikely alliance.

10.05 9/10. Ned faces a decision to save Sansa's life, Tyrion is forced to the battlefield and Robb seeks to prove himself in combat.

11.10 10/10. Robb's bannermen make a declaration and Catelyn confronts Jaime Lannister about Bran's near-fatal fall. (S) (AD)

12.20am Perry Mason (S) (AD) **1.25** The Baby (S) (AD) **2.00 New series.** Souls **1&2/8.** Double bill of the German drama starring Aaron Kissiov. **See choice, p97.** Rptd tomorrow 10pm **4.00–6.00am** Richard E Grant's Hotel Secrets (S) (AD)

Sky Atlantic Sky 108 (Wales 109) BT 342/HD 357 **+1** Sky 208 (Wales 209)

Sky Witness

6.00am 911 Crisis Centre: double bill (HD) **7.00** Border Patrol (S) (HD) **9.00** Road Wars (S) **10.00** Paramedics Australia (HD) **11.00** The Good Doctor (S) (HD) **12 noon** The Rookie (HD) **1.00pm** FBI (HD) **2.00** Blue Bloods (S) (AD) (HD) **3.00** Nothing to Declare: six editions (S)

6.00pm 911 Crisis Centre Ex-police officer Steve handles 911 calls for 12 hours. (HD) **6.30** Behind the scenes of an Ohio emergency dispatch. (HD)

7.00 New. Paramedics Australia Following Australia's ambulance crews' fight to save lives. (HD)

8.00 Blue Bloods 6/20 Series 12. A decision made by Frank causes tension when he assigns Jamie to guard Danny after a hit is put on him. (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 New. New Amsterdam 3/13 Series 5. An explosion at a wedding sends a stream of injured partygoers to New Amsterdam. (HD) **10.00 New. 4/13.** Max mandates a personal health day for the staff, but there is surprise as the plan comes up against some resistance. (HD)

11.00 Blue Bloods 3/20 Series 12 Frank must decide between remaining police commissioner and an exciting job offer. (S) (AD) (HD)

12 midnight 9-11 (S) (HD) 1.00am FBI (HD) **2.00** FBI: International (HD) **3.00** Chicago PD (S) (HD) **4.00** Chicago Med (S) (HD) **5.00–6.00am** Chicago Fire (S) (HD)

Sky Witness Sky 107 Virgin 112/HD 111 BT 341/HD 356 **+1** Sky 207 Virgin 220

Sky Max



David Blaine: Real or Magic? 9.00pm Celebrity illusions

6.00am Stop, Search, Seize (S) (HD) **8.00** DC's Legends of Tomorrow (S) (AD) (HD) **9.00** The Blacklist (S) (AD) (HD) **10.00** Supergirl (S) (HD) **11.00** NCIS: New Orleans: double bill (S) (HD) **1.00pm** Hawaii Five-O (S) (HD) **2.00** S.W.A.T. (S) (AD) (HD) **3.00** The Blacklist (S) (AD) (HD) **4.00** DC's Legends of Tomorrow (S) (AD) (HD) **5.00** Supergirl (S) (HD)

6.00pm NCIS: New Orleans 3/24 Series 2. A top pilot dies when her aircraft crashes. (S) (HD) **7.00 4/24.** The team investigates the murder of a drone pilot. (S) (HD)

8.00 David Blaine: beyond Magic The illusionist entertains a host of celebrities. (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 David Blaine: Real or Magic? The magician performs tricks for celebrities. (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 The Lazarus Project 7/8 George wakes up with everything he wished for. (S) (AD) (HD)

11.00 Rob and Romesh vs the Three Lions Ep 1 Series 5 Rob Beckett and Romesh Ranganathan meet the England men's football team. (HD)

12.05am The Russell Howard Hour (HD) **12.55** The Force: Manchester (S) (HD) **2.00** Stop, Search, Seize (S) (AD) (HD) **3.00** Hawaii Five-O (S) (HD) **4.00** S.W.A.T. (S) (AD) (HD) **5.00–6.00am** Highway Patrol: double bill (S) (AD)

Sky Max Sky 113 (Wales 114) Virgin 122/HD 121 BT 346/HD 361

Sky Replay

7.00am Sixth Sense with Colin Fry (S) **8.00** Four Weddings (S) (AD) **10.00** The Force: Manchester (S) (HD) **11.00** Highway Cops (S) (HD) **12 noon** Police Ten 7 (S) (HD) **1.00pm** Road Wars (S) (HD) **2.00** Stargate SG-1: double bill (S) (HD) **4.00** Alphas: double bill (S) (HD) **6.00pm** Most Haunted (S) **8.00** Road Wars (S) (HD) **9.00** Temple: Daniel, Lee and Anna join forces when Mercy and Keith track them down (S) (AD) (HD) **10.00** Redknapp's Big Night Out (AD) **11.00** New Amsterdam: double bill. The team deals with injuries from an explosion at a wedding, then Max mandates a personal health day for the staff (HD) **1.00am** Police Ten 7: double bill (S) (HD) **2.00** A League of Their Own (S) (AD) (HD) **3.00** Duck Quacks Don't Echo (S) (AD) (HD) **4.00** Four Weddings (S) (AD) (HD) **5.00–6.00am** Sixth Sense with Colin Fry (S)

Sky Replay Sky 152 Virgin 180

Sky Crime

6.00am Highway Patrol (S) (HD) **7.00** Motorway Patrol (S) **8.00** Highway Cops (S) (AD) (HD) **9.00** Nothing to Declare (S) (HD) **10.00** Brit Cops: Rapid Response (S) (AD) **11.00** Road Wars (S) **12 noon** The Force: Manchester (S) (HD) **1.00pm** Murders That Shocked the Nation: Moors Murders (S) (HD) **2.00** Real Manhunter: the Murder of Bridget "Bridie" Skehan (S) (HD) **3.00** Most Evil Killers (S) (HD) **5.00** Murdered at First Sight (S) (AD) (HD) **6.00** Killer in My Village (S) (HD) **7.00** Most Evil Killers (S) (HD) **9.00 New.** What the Killer Did Next (HD) **10.00** How I Caught the Killer (S) (AD) (HD) **11.00** Most Evil Killers (S) (HD) **1.00am** Forensics: Catching the Killer (HD) **2.00** as 10pm **3.00** as 1pm **4.00** as 10am **5.00–6.00am** Motorway Patrol (S) (AD)

Sky Crime Sky 122 Virgin 137/HD 136 BT 349/HD 364 **+1** Sky 222 Virgin 221

Gold



Dad's Army 8.20pm Capt Mainwaring conducts a test

7.20am The Two Ronnies (S) **8.55** Desmond's **9.35** Still Open All Hours (S) (HD) **10.20** Last of the Summer Wine (S) **11.40** The Green Green Grass (S) (HD) **12.35pm** dinnerladies (S) (AD) **1.15** Still Open All Hours (S) (HD) **1.55** Keeping up Appearances (S) **3.10** Trust Morecambe & Wise (S) (HD) **4.10** Only Fools and Horses (S) (AD)

6.00pm Dad's Army Captain Mainwaring's brother visits. (S)

6.55 Only Fools and Horses Del goes eco-friendly and launches a bottled water business. (S) (AD)

8.20 Dad's Army Embarrassed by his lack of medals, Mainwaring challenges a rival platoon to a test of stamina and initiative. (S)

9.40 Mrs Brown's Boys Buster installs an alarm system in Agnes's house, with predictably shambolic results. (S) (HD)

10.20 The Royle Family: the New Sofa Denise decides to cook the Christmas dinner, inspired by Nigella Lawson. (S) (AD)

11.40 Absolutely Fabulous Special: Ab Fab@20

A homecoming leads to a life-changing experience. (S) (AD) (HD)

12.20am Mrs Brown's Boys (S) (HD) **1.00** Peep Show (S) **2.20** The Royle Family: the New Sofa (S) (AD) **3.20–4.00am** Mrs Brown's Boys (S) (HD)

Gold Sky 110 (Wales 111) Virgin 124 BT 344/HD 359 **+1** Sky 210 (Wales 211) Virgin 194

Sky Comedy

8.00am Will & Grace (S) (AD) (HD) **9.50** Entourage (S) (HD) **11.30** The Comeback (S) **12.45pm** Eastbound & Down (HD) **2.30** The Office US (S) (HD) **3.00** Will & Grace (S) (AD) (HD) **5.00** The Office US (S) (HD) **5.30** Futurama (S) (HD) **6.30** Will & Grace (S) (AD) (HD) **7.30** The Office US (S) (HD) **9.00** Sex and the City (S) (HD) **10.00** **RT CHOICE** Rosie Molloy Gives Up Everything: Rosie decides it is better to cut down than give up completely. **See p87** (HD) **10.30** **RT CHOICE New.** Avenue 5: double bill. **See p87** (HD) **11.40** The Late Late Show with James Corden (HD) **12.40am New.** The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon (HD) **1.40** Will & Grace (S) (AD) (HD) **2.05 New.** Sort Of (HD) **3.05** Silicon Valley (S) (HD) **3.40** Sex and the City (S) (HD) **4.10–5.00am** Will & Grace (S) (AD) (HD)

Sky Comedy Sky 114 (Wales 115) Virgin 135/HD 123 BT 347/HD 362

Comedy Central

8.00am My Wife and Kids (S) (HD) **9.00** The Middle (S) (AD) (HD) **10.00** Last Man Standing (S) (HD) **12 noon** Friends (S) (AD) (HD) **6.25pm** Friends: five episodes. Rachel and Monica fight **6.55** Ross discovers Rachel's worst fear **7.25** Monica cooks dinner **7.55** Joey dates one of Phoebe's friends **8.25** Chandler is spotted with another woman (S) (AD) (HD) **9.00** Jeff Dunham's Last Minute Pandemic Holiday Special (S) (HD) **10.00** The Jeff Dunham Show: four editions of the ventriloquist's show (S) **12 midnight** South Park (S) (HD) **2.00am** The Ricky Gervais Show (S) (HD) **3.00** Bob's Burgers (S) (HD) **3.20 New.** The Daily Show **3.55** Last Man Standing (S) (HD) **4.15–5.00am** Friends (S) (AD) (HD)

Comedy Central Sky 112 (Wales 113) Virgin 181/HD 132 BT 345/HD 360 **+1** Sky 212 (Wales 213) Virgin 133

Alibi



Death in Paradise 9.00pm Jack's New Year is ruined

7.10am Murdoch Mysteries (S) (HD) **9.00** Hudson & Rex (S) (AD) (HD) **10.00** Unforgettable (S) (HD) **11.00** The Coroner (S) (AD) (HD) **12 noon** WPC 56 (S) (AD) (HD) **1.00pm** Father Brown (S) (AD) (HD) **2.00** Murdoch Mysteries (S) (HD) **4.00** Hudson & Rex (S) (AD) (HD) **5.00** Unforgettable (S) (HD)

6.00pm Without a Trace 8/23 Series 1. The team searches for a boy who went missing following a confrontation with a local bully. (HD)

7.00 The Coroner 8/10 Series 2 Jane attempts to solve the mysterious disappearance of a notorious playboy. (S) (AD) (HD)

8.00 Father Brown 5/10 Series 9. The priest joins forces with Flambeau in order to search for a lost treasure. (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 Death in Paradise 1/8 Series 9. The New Year's Eve celebrations are cut short when a masked man stabs a woman in her own home. (S) (AD) (HD) **10.00 2/8.** An acclaimed artist is found dead in suspicious circumstances. (S) (AD) (HD)

11.00 Without a Trace As 6pm. **12 midnight** Hudson & Rex: a tech engineer is found dead (S) (AD) (HD) **1.00am** Father Brown (S) (AD) (HD) **2.00** WPC 56 (S) (AD) (HD) **2.50–4.00am** The Coroner (S) (AD) (HD)

Alibi Sky 109 (Wales 110) Virgin 126 BT 343/HD 358 **+1** Sky 209 (Wales 210) Virgin 191

Discovery

6.00am Wheeler Dealers (S) (HD) **7.00** Deadliest Catch (S) (HD) **8.00** Treehouse Masters (S) (HD) **9.00** Building Off the Grid (S) (AD) (HD) **10.00** Alaska: Homestead Rescue (S) (HD) **11.00** Chasing Classic Cars (S) (HD) **12 noon** Outback Truckers (S) (HD) **1.00pm** Gold Rush: White Water (S) (HD) **2.00** Lone Star Law (S) (HD) **3.00** Alaskan Bush People (S) (HD) **4.00** Alaska: the Last Frontier (S) (HD) **5.00** Wheeler Dealers (S) (AD) (HD) **6.00** Garage Rehab (S) (HD) **7.00** Diesel Brothers (S) (HD) **8.00** Outback Truckers (S) (HD) **9.00 New.** Deadliest Catch: the Viking Returns (S) (AD) (HD) **10.00 New.** Moonshiners (HD) **11.00** Naked and Afraid (S) (HD) **12 midnight** Expedition X (S) (HD) **1.00am** as 9pm **2.00** Alaskan Bush People (HD) **4.00–5.00am** Wheeler Dealers (S) (HD)

Discovery Sky 125 Virgin 250 BT 320/HD 325 **+1** Sky 225 Virgin 258

Discovery History

6.00am Expedition Unknown (S) **7.00** Abandoned: Chernobyl's Deadly Secrets (S) **8.00** Wings of War **9.00** Combat Dealers (S) **10.00** Mysteries at the Castle **11.00** Mysteries of the Missing (S) **12 noon** Nasa's Unexplained Files (S) **1.00pm** Expedition Unknown (S) **2.00** Greatest Events of World War II (S) **3.00** Blowing Up History (S) **4.00** Mysteries at the Castle **5.00** Wings of War **6.00** How the Universe Works (S) **7.00** Expedition Unknown (S) **8.00** Combat Dealers (S) **9.00** Mysteries of the Deep **10.00** How the Universe Works (S) **11.00** Blowing Up History (S) **12 midnight** Nasa's Unexplained Files (S) **1.00am** Combat Dealers (S) **2.00** Mysteries of the Deep **3.00–5.00am** Blowing Up History (S)

Discovery History Sky 177 Virgin 257 **+1** Sky 277 Virgin 261



Sky Documentaries



Edge of the Earth 9.00pm
Surfing off Africa's west coast

6.00am The Guest Wing (S) (AD) (HD) **7.00** Discovering: Kevin Costner (S) (HD) **8.00** The Directors (S) (HD) **9.00** Rolling Stone: Stories from the Edge (S) (AD) (HD) **10.00** The Vietnam War (S) (HD) **11.10** The Nineties (S) (HD) **12 noon** Seve (S) (AD) (HD) **2.00pm FILM** I Am Bruce Lee ★★★★★ A focus on the charismatic actor and martial arts star (S) (AD) (W) (HD) **4.00** Discovering: Kevin Costner (S) (HD) **5.00** The Directors: the life of Oscar-winner James L Brooks (S) (HD)

6.00pm The Vietnam War President Nixon begins withdrawing American troops. (S) (HD)

7.10 The Nineties A look at the impact of the internet. (S) (HD)

8.00 Rolling Stone: Stories from the Edge Bill Clinton's explosive 1993 interview. (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 New. Edge of the Earth Two ambitious surfers try to establish Africa's west coast as the next big wave location. (HD)

10.10 Branson How Richard Branson sought media attention with death-defying stunts. (HD)

11.20 GoldenEra The video game *GoldenEye 007*. (S) (AD) (HD)

1.20am The Amazing Johnathan Documentary (S) (HD) **3.05 New.** Pelosi in the House (HD) **5.05–6.00am** The Nineties (S) (HD)

Sky Documentaries Sky 121
Virgin 278/HD 277 BT 352/HD 367

Nat Geographic

8.00am Lost Treasures of Egypt (S) (AD) (HD) **9.00** Drain the Oceans: Thai Cave Rescue (S) (AD) (HD) **10.00** Air Crash Investigation (S) (AD) (HD) **11.00** Car SOS (S) (HD) **12 noon** Unknown Waters with Jeremy Wade (S) (HD) **1.00pm** Wicked Tuna: North v South (S) (HD) **2.00** Ultimate Airport Dubai (S) (HD) **3.00** Lost Treasures of the Maya (HD) **4.00** Buried Truth of the Maya (HD) **5.00** Seconds from Disaster (S) (AD) (HD) **6.00** Family Guns (AD) (HD) **7.00** Air Crash Investigation (S) (AD) (HD) **8.00** Lost Cities: the Great Flood (HD) **9.00 New.** Welcome to Earth (HD) **9.40** Air Crash Investigation (S) (HD) **11.50** Car SOS (S) (AD) (HD) **12.55am** Wicked Tuna (S) (AD) (HD) **2.00** Alaska: the Next Generation (S) (HD) **3.00** Ice Road Rescue (HD) **4.00–5.00am** Air Crash Investigation: Special Report (S) (HD)

Nat Geographic Sky 129 Virgin 266/HD 268
+1 Sky 229 Virgin 267

Sky History

6.00am American Pickers (HD) **7.00** Forged in Fire (HD) **8.00** Storage Wars (HD) **9.00** Cracking the Code (HD) **10.00** Pawn Stars (HD) **11.00** Legends of the Deep (HD) **12 noon** American Pickers (HD) **1.00pm** Storage Wars (HD) **2.00** Cracking the Code (HD) **3.00** Pawn Stars (HD) **4.00** Mountain Men (HD) **5.30** Vintage Tech Hunters (HD) **6.00pm** American Pickers (HD) **7.00** Forged in Fire (HD) **8.00** Salvage Kings **9.00 New.** Mountain Men (HD) **10.00 New.** Secrets in the Jungle (HD) **11.00** Secrets in the Ice (HD) **12 midnight** History of Weapons (HD) **1.00am** Salvage Kings **2.00** Forged in Fire (HD) **3.00** Secrets in the Ice (HD) **4.00** Pawn Stars (HD) **5.00–6.00am** Cracking the Code (HD)

Sky History Sky 123 Virgin 270
BT 353/HD 368 +1 Sky 223 Virgin 271

Sky Nature



Kalahari: Land of Secret Alliances 8.00pm Meerkats

6.00am Wild Dogs: Running with the Pack (S) (HD) **7.00** Monkey Life (S) (HD) **8.00** Hope for Wildlife (S) (HD) **9.00** Big Beasts: Last of the Giants (S) (AD) (HD) **10.00** Wild Kingdoms (S) (AD) (HD) **11.00** Animals Decoded (S) (AD) (HD) **12 noon** Into the Wild: Colombia (S) (HD) **1.00pm** Monkey Life (S) (HD) **2.00** Brazil Untamed (S) (HD) **3.00** Big Beasts: Last of the Giants (S) (AD) (HD) **4.00** Animals Decoded (S) (AD) (HD)

6.00pm Into the Wild: Colombia The savannahs of the Llanos. (S) (HD)

7.00 Monkey Life Capuchin Diez requires emergency surgery. (S) (HD) **7.30** Alison heads to Liverpool to rescue a baby marmoset. (S) (HD)

8.00 Kalahari: Land of Secret Alliances How animals and plants survive in the Kalahari desert. (S) (HD)

9.00 Living Volcanos Documentary exploring life on the slopes of active volcanoes. (S) (HD)

10.00 Animals Decoded Animal body language. (S) (AD) (HD)

11.00 Into the Wild: Colombia As 6pm.

12 midnight Hotspots: the Last Hope (S) (HD) **1.00am** Over Australia (S) (HD) **2.00** as 8pm **3.00** Living Volcanos (S) (HD) **4.00** Brazil Untamed (S) (HD) **5.00–6.00am** Wild Kingdoms (S) (AD) (HD)

Sky Nature Sky 124 Virgin 280/HD 279
BT 354/HD 369

Eden

9.00am Inside the Vets (HD) **10.00** Hot Tuna (HD) **11.00** David Attenborough's Natural Curiosities (AD) (HD) **12 noon** Forbidden History (AD) (HD) **2.00pm** Inside the Vets (HD) **3.00** Africa from Above (HD) **5.00** Hot Tuna (HD) **6.00** David Attenborough's Natural Curiosities (AD) (HD) **7.00** Forbidden History (AD) (HD) **8.00** Inside the Vets (HD) **9.00** Africa from Above: the far-western reaches of the Zambezi (HD) **10.00** David Attenborough's Natural Curiosities: animals able to expand their bodies (AD) (HD) **11.00** Hot Tuna (HD) **12 midnight** Forbidden History (AD) (HD) **1.00am** Inside the Vets (HD) **2.00** Hot Tuna (HD) **3.00** David Attenborough's Natural Curiosities (AD) (HD) **3.50** Africa from Above (HD) **4.40** Inside the Vets (HD) **5.30–6.00am** Collar of Duty (HD)

Eden Sky 166 Virgin HD 245
+1 Sky 266 Virgin 246

Animal Planet

8.00am Tanked (S) (HD) **9.00** Pit Bulls and Parolees (S) (HD) **10.00** My Cat from Hell (S) (AD) (HD) **11.00** Animal Cops Philadelphia (S) (AD) (HD) **12 noon** Tanked (S) (HD) **1.00pm** Pit Bulls and Parolees (S) (HD) **2.00** Celebrity Animal Encounters (HD) **3.00** The Crocodile Hunter: Best of Steve Irwin (S) (HD) **4.00** My Cat from Hell (S) (AD) (HD) **5.00** Animal Cops Philadelphia (S) (AD) (HD) **6.00** Tanked (S) (HD) **7.00** Pit Bulls and Parolees (S) (HD) **8.00** How Sharks Hunt (S) (AD) (HD) **9.00** Sharktacular 2016 (HD) **10.00** Edge of Alaska (S) (HD) **11.00** The Zoo (S) (HD) **1.00am** Alaska Monsters (S) (HD) **2.00** My Cat from Hell (S) (AD) (HD) **3.00** Animal Cops Philadelphia (S) (AD) (HD) **4.00–5.00am** Tanked (S) (HD)

Animal Planet Sky 162 (NI 178) Virgin 251
+1 Sky 262 (NI 278) Virgin 259

SPORT

Sky Main Event

Sky 401 Virgin 511/HD 501 BT 420/HD 440
6.00am World Cup Report
7.00 World Cup Breakfast
7.45 LIVE Big Bash League Cricket Adelaide Strikers v Sydney Sixers, a T20 match from the Adelaide Oval.
11.45 Best of the Big Bash
12 noon World Cup Matchday
6.00pm World Cup Matchday
10.00 World Cup Post-Match
11.00 World Cup Report
12 midnight NFL: Total Access
1.00–6.00am World Cup Report

Sky Football

Sky 403 Virgin 513/HD 503 BT 422/HD 442
6.00am Classic Play-Off Finals **9.00** Best Goals (AD) **9.30** EFL Greatest Games **10.00** Classic Play-Off Finals
2.45pm EFL Greatest Games
3.00 Classic Play-Off Finals
5.00 EFL Greatest Games (AD)
5.30 Women's Super League Football
6.30 Soccer AM: the Best Bits
7.00 League One and Two Goals
7.30 Championship Highlights
8.30 Women's Super League Football
9.00 EFL Greatest Games (AD)
10.00 Busby: a portrait of Manchester United's iconic manager (AD)
12 midnight League Cup Retro (AD)
1.00am Classic Play-Off Finals
4.00–6.00am League Cup Retro

Sky Golf

Sky 405 Virgin 515/HD 505 BT 424/HD 444
6.00am Solheim Cup Golf **8.00** PGA Tour Golf **9.00** European Tour Golf
10.00 Legends Tour Golf: action from the MCB Tour Championship in the Seychelles
11.00 Solheim Cup Golf: highlights of the 2021 event in Ohio
1.00pm The Players Championship Official Films: the story of the 2008 event (AD) **2.00** PGA Championship Official Films (AD) **3.00** US Open Official Films **4.00** The Open: Official Films (AD) **5.00** Solheim Cup Golf
7.00 Legends Tour Golf **8.00** Junior Golf **9.00** Fedex Cup Official Film
10.00 Women's Open Official Film
11.00 European Tour Golf: highlights of the Alfred Dunhill Championship
12 midnight Legends Tour **1.00am** PGA Tour Golf **2.00** European Tour Golf **3.00** Legends Tour Golf
4.00–6.00am European Tour Golf

Eurosport 1

Sky 410 Virgin 521 BT 412/HD 435
6.00am Snooker: English Open
8.00 Showjumping: Grand Slam of Showjumping **9.00** Cyclo-Cross
10.00 Olympic Games: Wait for It
10.30 Snooker 147s **10.45** Snooker
12.45pm LIVE Snooker Day three of the English Open from the Brentwood Centre, Essex, featuring second-round matches.
5.00 Cyclo-Cross: World Cup
6.00 Snooker: English Open
6.45 LIVE Snooker Coverage of the evening session on day three of the English Open from the Brentwood Centre, Essex, featuring third-round matches.
11.00 Snooker: English Open
1.00am Snowboarding **2.00** Snooker: English Open **4.00** Ski Jumping
5.00–6.00am Snowboarding

Eurosport 2

Sky 411 Virgin 522 BT 413/HD 436
6.00am Alpine Skiing **8.00** Snooker
10.00 Showjumping **11.00** Cycling
12 noon Snowboarding **1.00pm** Motor Racing **2.00** Curling: European Championships **4.00** Motor Racing
6.00 Snowboarding **7.00** Discovery Golf **7.30** Golf **8.30** Olympic Games
9.00 Cycling: UCI Track Champions League **10.00** Alpine Skiing
12 midnight World Superbikes
2.00am Cyclo-Cross: World Cup
4.00–6.00am Snooker



Big Bash League Cricket
7.45am Sky Cricket Adelaide Strikers captain Travis Head

Sky Premier League

Sky 402 Virgin 512/HD 502 BT 421/HD 441
6.00am Premier League Greatest Games **7.00** World Cup Breakfast
10.00 World Cup Matchday
12 noon Gary Neville's Soccerbox
1.00pm Premier League Years: the 2016/17 season **3.00** Greatest Games
4.00 Best Goals **5.00** 100 Club
6.00 World Cup Matchday
7.00 Premier League Stories
7.30 Premier League 100 Club (AD)
8.00 Gary Neville's Soccerbox
9.00 World Cup Matchday
10.00 World Cup Post-Match
11.00 Class of 92: Full Time
12 midnight Premier League Retro
2.00am Premier League Years
4.00 Premier League Best Goals
5.30–6.00am 100 Club

Sky Cricket

Sky 404 Virgin 514/HD 504 BT 423/HD 443
6.00am Best of the Big Bash
6.45 Big Bash League Cricket
7.45 LIVE Big Bash League Cricket Adelaide Strikers v Sydney Sixers, a T20 match from the Adelaide Oval.
11.45 Best of the Big Bash
12 noon Talking Cricket (AD)
1.00pm Big Bash League Cricket
6.00 Test Highlights **8.00** Big Bash League Cricket **9.00** Test Highlights: Pakistan v England in the second Test
11.00 Big Bash League Cricket: Adelaide Strikers v Sydney Sixers
12 midnight Big Bash League Cricket
4.00am Talking Cricket (AD)
5.00–6.00am Best of England v Pakistan: three editions (AD)

Sky NFL

Sky 407 Virgin 517/HD 507 BT 426/HD 446
6.00am NFL: America's Game (AD)
7.00 Bitesize **8.00** One Jets Drive
9.00 Review Show **11.00** Highlights
12 noon Good Morning Football
3.00pm Bitesize **4.00** Review Show
6.00 Pro-Football Talk **8.00** NFL: a Football Life (AD) **9.00** Jaguars Weekly UK **9.30** One Jets Drive
10.00 Bitesize **11.00** NFL Fantasy
12 midnight NFL: Total Access **1.00am** Jaguars Weekly UK **1.30** One Jets Drive **2.00** NFL Bitesize **3.00** NFL Review Show **5.00** Jaguars Weekly UK **5.30–6.00am** One Jets Drive

Sky Darts

Sky 408 Virgin 518/HD 508 BT 427/HD 447
6.00am Black Arrows: the Next Generation: documentary (AD) **7.00** The Darts Show **8.00** Darts Gold
8.15 World Darts Championship: a day of action from previous tournaments
5.00pm World Darts Championship: the 2020 final from Alexandra Palace
7.00 Black Arrows: the Next Generation (AD) **8.00** The Darts Show
9.00 The Rise of Fallon Sherrock (AD)
10.00 World Darts Championship: the 2022 final from Alexandra Palace
1.00am World Matchplay Darts
5.00–6.00am The Darts Show

BT Sport 1

Sky 413 Virgin 527 BT 408/HD 430
6.00am ESPN FC **6.30** Premier League Stories (AD) **7.00** Wrestling
9.30 Futsal **11.30** Pro League Hockey
1.30pm MLB **2.30** Australian Football Highlights: A-League **3.00** Around the Block (AD) **3.15** International One-Day Cricket: New Zealand v Bangladesh, a women's match **4.15** ESPN FC
4.45 LIVE EuroCup Basketball Turk Telekom v London Lions, a Group B match from Ankara Arena (tip-off **5.00**).
7.00 Champions Cup Rugby Union **8.00** The Rugby's On (AD)
9.00 BT Sport Reload (AD)
9.30 LIVE International T20 Cricket Coverage of West Indies v England, the second women's match from Kensington Oval.
1.45am Test Cricket Highlights
3.45 Fishing (AD) **4.45** Around the Block (AD) **5.00** Badminton (AD)
5.30–6.00am BT Sport Reload (AD)

BT Sport 2

Sky 414 Virgin 528 BT 409/HD 431
6.00am Badminton **8.00** ESPN FC
8.30 National League Football **11.30** Surfing **12.30pm** Champions Cup Rugby Union **1.30** ESPN FC **2.00** Motor Racing **4.00** National League Football: Oldham Athletic v Torquay
5.30 Premier League Stories (AD)
6.00 BT Sport Reload (AD) **6.30** Badminton (AD) **7.00** Pro League Hockey: Great Britain v Netherlands, the men's and women's matches
9.00 Wrestling **11.45** Immortals
12 midnight LIVE Basketball Florida Gators v Ohio Bobcats, a college game from Amalie Arena; **2.00am** Louisville Cardinals v Western Kentucky Hilltoppers, a US college game (tip-off **2.00**).
4.00 The Rugby's On (AD)
5.00–6.00am Champions Cup Rugby Union: weekend highlights

BT Sport 3

Sky 417 Virgin 529 BT 410/HD 432
6.00am LIVE International One-Day Cricket Continued coverage of New Zealand v Bangladesh, the second women's game in the three-match series from McLean Park, Napier.
9.30 Test Cricket Highlights: Australia v West Indies **11.30** Australian Football
12 noon Champions League Goals Show Retro **1.00pm** MotoGP: action from the Malaysian Grand Prix **5.00** Wrestling: the latest WWE action (AD)
7.00 Italian Football: highlights of Napoli v Sassuolo, Lazio v Salernitana and Torino v AC Milan in Serie A
10.00 LIVE Pro League Hockey Argentina v Netherlands, the women's match from Santiago del Estero (push-back **10.10**).
12 midnight Volleyball (AD)
12.30am LIVE Pro League Hockey Argentina v Netherlands, the men's match from Santiago del Estero (push-back **12.40**).
2.30 BT Sport Reload (AD) **3.00** Poker (AD) **5.00–6.00am** The Big Match Revisited: from 1974/75 (AD)

BT Sport 4

Sky 423 Virgin 530 BT 411/HD 434
6.00am SportsCenter **6.15** Around the Horn **6.45** Pardon the Interruption
7.15 SportsCenter **7.30** BT Sport Reload (AD) **8.00** American Football
11.00 SportsCenter **11.15** ESPN FC
11.45 US Soccer **1.45pm** Sports Center **2.00** Volleyball: NCAA action
6.00 Around the Horn **6.30** Pardon the Interruption **7.00** SportsCenter
7.15 Volleyball (AD) **7.45** Basketball: North Carolina Tar Heels v Citadel Bulldogs **9.15** Basketball: Alabama Crimson Tide v Memphis Tigers **11.15** SportsCenter **11.30** Badminton (AD)
12 midnight–6.00am American Football: double bill of college games

Thursday

FINAL SHOWDOWN
Eli (Chaske Spencer)
and Cornelia (Emily
Blunt) reach the
end of the road



DRAMA The English

9.00pm **BBC2** Full series available via iPlayer

**SERIES
FINALE**

As the art-house western builds to an emotional close, expect to be wrong-footed. At one stage, a 1970s folk song drifts onto the soundtrack. At another, Cornelia Locke (Emily Blunt) recites an Emily

Dickinson poem. We're surprised to see early black-and-white movie clips at a crucial point. It's pretty out-there.

I'm not sure anybody else would attempt the emotional beats that writer-director Hugo Blick goes for, and even he can't always pull them off. Then again, with the best scenes, you don't always feel quite sure what you've witnessed, but you know it was intense.

The enigmatic journey through the American West runs into a cluster of revelations. Cornelia's drive for revenge starts to make sense once we discover her awful secret – well done if you guessed it; I didn't. Crucially, we are reunited with Rafe Spall's flamboyantly awful villain, Melmont. What a creation he is, and he drives home Blick's key theme: the great shame of America, buried in its land. **DAVID BUTCHER**

CRAFT Stacey Solomon's Crafty Christmas

8.00pm **BBC1** Catch up via iPlayer

If you feel you're not quite up to Kirstie Allsopp country house-style crafting standards and hark back to those *Blue Peter* makes of yore involving coat hangers and loo roll tubes, step right up.

Stacey Solomon couldn't smile any more if she tried, as she knocks up a range of perfect ideas for these straitened times: bauble wreaths, bobble hat garlands (so cute!) and home-made crackers all get a look-in. Husband Joe Swash is on hand to be cheeky – his naughty-elf representation of his wife is shocking, but irresistible. Solomon's *Sort Your Life Out* co-star, demon organiser Dilly Carter, is on hand as well to help Stacey transform a barn into a grotto for a festive party. **GILL CRAWFORD**

SCIENCE The Secret Genius of Modern Life

8.00pm **BBC2** Catch up via iPlayer

**LAST
EPISODE**

The cutting-edge tech being put under the microscope by Professor Hannah Fry this week...?

Trainers. No, really – the evolution of sports shoes has involved a remarkable amount of science, as well as a few slices of sheer luck.

As Fry peels apart the soul and sole of running shoes (the latter with the aid of a hair dryer), she digs into the history of their design and materials, from the accident with a waffle iron that helped Nike make their first shoes, to the family squabble that resulted in the birth of Adidas. It's a fitting subject for the pop science series to cross the finishing line with. Fingers crossed Fry gets to run another lap soon. **CERI THOMAS**

DOCUMENTARY Inside the Tower of London

8.00pm **Channel 5**
Catch up via My5

**LAST
EPISODE**

For most of us, adapting to life under Charles III means getting used to some new coins and stamps and remembering to sing "King" instead of "Queen" in the national anthem. For the warders of the Tower of London, however, it's a much trickier business.

Not only do they have to rename one of their buildings from the Queen's House to the King's House, but all their uniforms also need to be updated with the new monarch's sigil, too. That's no mean task when, as tonight's episode reveals, the staff are also organising a 400-person banquet to celebrate the installation of a new Constable, the top role at the Tower. **CT**

DOCUMENTARY Joe Lycett v David Beckham: a Got Your Back Christmas Special

9.00pm **C4** Catch up via All 4

Joe Lycett caused a huge kerfuffle last month when he threatened to shred £10,000 in protest at David Beckham's ambassadorial role for the Qatar World Cup. In this end-of-year special, we follow the nerve-wracking build-up to the crusading comic's most headline-grabbing stunt yet and peek behind the scenes as he crosses swords with the A-list footballer.

The waspish consumer champion also takes on one of Britain's biggest Christmas card sellers and reunites the cast of a television classic. It all secures Lycett's status as the sarcastic Santa we didn't know we needed. **MICHAEL HOGAN**

ALSO ON TODAY

Inside Aldi at Christmas

8.00pm **C4**

Behind the scenes at the supermarket where simplicity and consistency are the watchwords.

Gordon, Gino and Fred: Unseen Bits

9.00pm **ITV1**

Embarrassing out-takes from the trio's road trips across Mexico, the US and Morocco. Continues tomorrow.

Planet Sex with Cara Delevingne

10.00pm **BBC3**

The model and actor (left) visits Barcelona, Berlin and Tokyo in her quest to find more ethical styles of porn.



LIVE SPORT



Golf: Mauritius Open

8.30am **Sky Sports Golf/ Main Event**

Former Ryder Cup captain Thomas Bjorn (above) is one of the players due to feature on the opening day of the tournament.

Snowboarding: World Cup

11.20am **Eurosport 2**

From Carezza in Italy, featuring the men's and women's parallel giant slaloms.

Hockey: Pro League

Argentina v Great Britain

10.00pm (plays starts 10.10pm) **BT Sport 1**

GB's women face the hosts in the second of their four matches.

SITCOM

Bad Education Reunion Special

9.00pm **BBC3** Catch up via iPlayer

Ten years since its debut, the school sitcom returns for a hilariously chaotic anniversary special. It's careers day at Abbey Grove School and Alfie Wickers (Jack Whitehall), aka "the worst teacher ever to grace the British education system", invites his old Class K muckers to give a talk. What could possibly go wrong? Well, apart from it descending into an illegal rave, that is...

This one-off comeback is creator Whitehall's fond farewell to the character because the series is set to return next year for a rebooted run with pupils-turned-teachers Stephen (Layton Williams) and Mitchell (Charlie Wernham) taking over as leading men. **MH**

FOOD

Michel Roux: Christmas in Provence

9.00pm **Food Network**

Catch up via Discovery+

"You'll search high and low for a turkey in the Roux household," says Michel Roux. "Our festive highlight is a scrumptious pork centrepiece!" The Michelin-starred chef is inviting us to share his Christmas in a gorgeous Provençal home, where his family tuck into an indulgent *bûche de Noël*, a bouillabaisse terrine and oysters Rockefeller – although not necessarily in that order.

Some dishes are perhaps a little complicated for regular home cooks, but so what if we don't attempt them ourselves? It's a joy to watch Blanc prepare the food and to ogle his festive decorations, which, naturally, are *très chic*. **JANE RACKHAM**

DRAMA

Souls

10pm, 11pm **Sky Atlantic**
Catch up via Sky Go/Now

NEW SERIES

Two women wake from a nightmare. Hannah is in a German hospital and leaves her bed to search

for her son; in Stockholm, pregnant pathologist Allie is desperate to stop her pilot husband flying. But what links them, if anything? That's the nub of this artfully jumbled puzzle of a German drama – a winner at the Cannes International Series Festival.

Creator Alex Eslam toys with timescales, and our expectations, in the unusual and compelling opening episodes. Into the mix are thrown a heroic but traumatised teen, dreamlike underwater scenes and an unusual sound palette, all of which conjure a kind of alluring sadness.

MARK BRAXTON

DOCUMENTARY

Matt Baker: Christmas Travels with Mum and Dad

9.00pm **More4** Catch up via All 4

The good news is that the Bakers' caravan has been refurbished and is roadworthy again. The even better news is that Janice and Mike are also being treated to a day away from the farm in Durham, with son Matt taking them to nearby Raby Castle, where Christmas is being prepped.

Traditions here can be traced to the 14th century, and Janice soon finds herself helping polish the castle's huge collection of copper. Not so much elbow grease is needed in the Deer Park, though, which is where Mike and Matt are finding out more about the two species that have been at Raby since Norman times. Having worked up a hunger, they end the trip with mince pies. But this is no ordinary recipe – as befits the surroundings, it dates back hundreds of years. Best check the sell-by date on that mincemeat. **DAVID BROWN**



GRAND DAY OUT
Matt Baker and his parents Janice and Mike visit Raby Castle

FILM OF THE DAY



The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel ★★★★★ 12

9.00pm **BBC4**

Judi Dench leads a glittering cast in this feel-good comedy, as a widowed pensioner starting a new life in a Jaipur hotel alongside crotchety former housekeeper (Maggie Smith) and browbeaten elderly gent (Bill Nighy). (2011)

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THURSDAY Main Channels

DAYTIME

BBC1

6.00am Breakfast Naga Munchetty, Charlie Stayt. (S) (HD)

9.15 Morning Live at Christmas Topical magazine show, presented by Gethin Jones. (S) (HD)

10.00 Expert Witness A forensic art expert proves some paintings are fakes. (Revised repeat) (S) (AD) (HD)

10.45 A Countryside Christmas Mary Berry learns how to make a Yorkshire Christmas pie. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

11.15 Homes under the Hammer Properties in Norfolk, north London and Sheffield. (S) (AD) (HD)

12.15pm Bargain Hunt From Newark Antiques and Collectable fair in Nottinghamshire. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

1.00 BBC News Regional News; Weather (S) (HD)

1.45 Doctors Scarlett gets a Christmas gift. Daniel and Zara are faced with a difficult decision. (S) (AD) (HD)

2.15 Money for Nothing JJ Chalmers and his team of creatives upcycle some tree stumps and two black metal trunks. Last in series. Rptd tomorrow 7.15am BBC2 (S) (HD)

3.00 Escape to the Country Sonali Shah helps a singer from south-east London find a new home in Cambridgeshire. Repeated tomorrow 6.30am BBC2 (S) (AD) (HD)

3.45 The Bidding Room Featuring an Islamic tile and a painting by a renowned British artist. (R) (S) (HD)

4.30–5.15 The Weakest Link Contestants include Rita Simons, Jamie Laing and Tony Blackburn. (R) (S) (HD)

BBC2

6.30am Bargain Hunt Shown Wed 12.15pm BBC1 (S) (AD) (HD)

7.15 Money for Nothing Shown Wed 2.15pm BBC1 (S) (HD)

8.00–9.00 Sign Zone 8.00 Iolo's Anglesey 2/4. Iolo Williams travels to the offshore island of Ynys Badrig, the northernmost point of Wales. (R) (S) (HD) **8.30 Between the Covers 4/6 Series 5.** Sara Cox is joined by Tom Allen, Pam Ferris, Rakhee Thakrar and Stephen Mangan. (R) (S) (HD)

9.00 BBC News (S) (HD)

12.15pm Politics Live News from Westminster. (S) (HD)

1.00 Meet the Street at Christmas Mark De-Lisser searches for singers in Cardiff's high street. (R) (S) (HD)

1.45 Celebrity Eggheads George Costigan, Clare Mackintosh, Nick Sharratt, Caleb Femi and Wendy Holden take on the team of trivia experts. (R) (S) (HD)

2.15 The Best Christmas Food Ever Festive treats including warm Stilton and walnut muffins. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

3.00 World's Weirdest Events Chris Packham unearths an odd-looking living rock. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

4.00–5.00 Back in Time for School Sara Cox and Polly Russell join the 15 time-travelling pupils and their teachers for a reunion party. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

ITV1

6.00am Good Morning Britain (S) (HD)

9.00 Lorraine Fashion, food and chat. (S) (HD)

10.00 This Morning Celebrity interviews, cookery and lifestyle advice. Including **Regional Weather** (S) (HD)

12.30pm Loose Women Heated debates. (S) (HD)

1.30 ITV Lunchtime News Regional News; Weather (S) (HD)

2.00 Dickinson's Real Deal From Blackburn, where Alys Dobbie meets a time-traveller while Matt Taylor hopes a big deal won't go up in smoke. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

3.00–4.00 Tenable Five quizzers called the Bright Sparks answer questions about top ten lists. Warwick Davis presents. (R) (S) (HD) Followed by **Regional Weather**

Channel 4

6.05am Countdown Stephen K Amos guests. (R) (S) (HD)

6.45 Cheers Three episodes of the comedy. (R) (S) (HD)

8.05 Everybody Loves Raymond (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

9.35 Frasier Three episodes of the sitcom. (R) (S) (AD)

11.05 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA Gordon Ramsay attempts to help to PJ's Steakhouse in Queens, New York. (R) (S) (HD) **12 noon News** (S) (HD)

12.05pm Couples Come Dine with Me Tension in the kitchen spills over to the table in Brighton. (R) (S) (HD)

1.05 Jamie's Quick and Easy Christmas Jamie Oliver shares ideas for simple festive recipes. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

2.10 Countdown With guest Vick Hope. (S) (HD)

3.00 Château DIY at Christmas Sarah creates large decorations to make a festive statement. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

4.00–5.00 A Place in the Sun Jean Johansson helps rugby coach Matt find a holiday home near the historic city of Lucca in Tuscany. Rptd 6pm 4seven (S) (HD)

BBC1

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Stacey Solomon's Crafty Christmas

8.00pm Stacey decks the halls with her home-made festive decorations



5.15pm Pointless Celebrities

Former child stars Lyndyann Barrass, Nicholas Bond-Owen, Julie Dawn Cole, Tyger Drew-Honey, Jessica Forte, Adrian Hall, David Peachey and Sally Thomsett take part. Hosted by Alexander Armstrong. (R) (S) (HD)

6.00 BBC News Weather (S) (HD)

6.30 Regional news magazines (S)

7.00 The One Show

Presented by Ronan Keating and Lauren Laverne. Editor Rob Unsworth (S) (HD)

7.30 EastEnders

Alfie begins auditions for his pantomime. Meanwhile, Janine asks Mick for a very specific wedding present.

Alfie Moon	Shane Richie	Suki Kaur Panesar	Balvinder Sopal
Janine Butcher	Charlie Brooks	Karen Taylor	Lorraine Stanley
Mick Carter	Danny Dyer	Violet Highway	Gwen Taylor
Sonia Fowler	Natalie Cassidy	Kathy Beale	Gillian Taylforth
Mitch Baker	Roger Griffiths	Ravi Gulati	Aaron Thiara
Lola Pearce	Danielle Harold	Stacey Slater	Lacey Turner
Shirley Carter	Linda Henry	Nina Gupta	Hersha Verity
Vinny Panesar	Shiv Jalota	Patrick Trueman	Rudolph Walker
Phil Mitchell	Steve McFadden	Kat Slater	Jessie Wallace
Whitney Dean	Shona McGarty	Jean Slater	Gillian Wright
Sam Mitchell	Kim Medcalf	Colin Russell	Michael Cashman
Bobby Beale	Clay Milner Russell	Lofty Holloway	Tom Watt
Felix Baker/Tara Misu	Matthew Morrison	Mary Smith	Linda Davidson
Bernadette Taylor	Clair Norris	Barry Clark	Gary Hailes
Ricky Butcher	Sid Owen	Disa O'Brien	Jan Graveson
Denise Fox	Diane Parish	Lauren Branning	Jacqueline Jossa
Eve Unwin	Heather Peace	The Rev Eileen Mills	Melanie Kilburn
Dana Monroe	Barbara Smith	Reiss Colwell	Jonny Freeman

Writer Daran Little This week's episodes directed by Richard Lynn
More cast Monday (S) (AD) (HD)

8.00 Stacey Solomon's Crafty Christmas

RT With a little help from family and friends, Stacey Solomon shares tips on how to create beautiful decorations and personalised Christmas gift ideas. She demonstrates how to upcycle tired decorations and creates a bauble wreath on a tight budget, and competes with husband Joe Swash to make the perfect chocaholic gift. Together with professional organiser Dilly Carter, Stacey also transforms a barn into a party-ready Christmas grotto. **See page 96.**

Director Ryan Daly; Executive producer Charlotte Brookes (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 The Traitors

8/12. With the players past the halfway mark, the Faithful nervously wait to see who the Traitors eliminated overnight, but a huge bombshell leaves the group reeling. Despite the dramatic revelation, they head deep into the woods in order to complete another mission and increase the prize pot. Hosted by Claudia Winkleman. Continues tomorrow 9pm. Series director Ben Archard; Executive producers Sarah Fay, Mike Cotton and Toni Ireland (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 BBC News Regional News; Weather (S) (HD)

10.40 Question Time

Fiona Bruce chairs the debate in Winchester, inviting a panel of politicians and other guests to answer questions from an invited audience on topics in the news headlines. Also available live at 8pm on iPlayer. Executive producer Nicolai Gentchev; Series editor Gerry Gay (S) (HD) Have Your Say: tweet with #bbcqt

11.40 Newscast

A weekly round-up from Westminster, delivering a mix of serious analysis and light-hearted gossip. (S) (HD)
The podcast is available via BBC Sounds

12.10am The Hit List Celebrity Special 5/10. In a 1990s episode, Westlife's Brian McFadden and Boyzone's Keith Duffy, S Club 7's Tina Barrett and Bradley McIntosh, 911's Lee Brennan and singer Sonia play for their chosen charity. **See choice, page 46.** Shown Saturday (S) (HD)

12.55 Weather for the Week Ahead (S) (HD)

1.00–6.00am BBC News (S) (HD)

BBC1 Freeview 1/HD 101 **Freesat** 101/HD 106 **Sky** 101/HD 115 **Virgin** 101

BBC2

2

The Secret Genius of Modern Life **8.00pm** Sole of the century: a run through the history of trainers



5.00pm Flog It!

Paul Martin and the team assess the value of items destined for the auction house. (R) (S) (HD)

6.00 Richard Osman's House of Games

Kevin Eldon, Sarah Keyworth, Laila Rouass and John Whaite test their general knowledge skills. Director John Smith; Executive producer Tamara Gilder (S) (HD)

6.30 Strictly It Takes Two

Janette Manrara provides more backstage gossip as another couple who made the final drop by. (S) (HD)

6.45–10.00 BBC RED BUTTON Equestrian

Live coverage of the puissance competition from the London International Horse Show at the ExCel

7.00 Celebrity Antiques Road Trip

Dom Littlewood and Melinda Messenger search for valuable items in Hampshire with £400 budgets, accompanied by experts Natasha Raskin Sharp and Tim Medhurst. A vase does well at auction, but it's a Viking-related purchase that takes everyone by surprise. More tomorrow 7.30pm. (S) (HD)

8.00 The Secret Genius of Modern Life

RT **6/6. The Trainer.** Hannah Fry visits eBay's Authentication Centre where they're waging a war against fake high-value trainers. She also finds out how American breakfast waffles transformed the shoe's soles and the way an 18th-century tea set is linked to celebrity endorsement. **See page 96.**
Series producer Eileen Inkson; Executive producer Paul Overton
Repeated tomorrow 12.05am (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 The English

RT **6/6. Cherished.** As new revelations come to light, Cornelia finally confronts the man who killed her son. Love, both lost and found, determines a final showdown – with irreversible consequences. The whole series is on iPlayer. **See page 96.**

Cornelia Locke	Emily Blunt	Jerome McClinton	Julian Bleach
Eli Whipp	Chaske Spencer	Captain Knox	Sule Rimi
Martha Myers	Valerie Pachner	Keir Grant	Ian Pirie
Sheriff Robert Marshall	Stephen Rea	Flathead Jackson	Jack Klaff
David Melmont	Rafe Spall	Jed Myers	Walt Klink
Thomas Trafford	Tom Hughes	Billy Myers	Nicholas Aaron
Red Morgan	Malcolm Storry	Timothy Flynn	Miguel Alvarez
White Moon	Forrest Goodluck	Clay Jackson	Cristian Solimeno
Tap O'Neil	Tadhg Murphy	Simon	Benjamin Victor
Thin Kelly	Steve Wall	Master of Ceremonies	Jamie Wilkes

Writer/Director Hugo Blick; Producer Colin Wratten (S) (AD) (HD)

10.10 We Wish You a Mandy Christmas

Mandy (Diane Morgan) contemplates the true meaning of Christmas. Is it the wide smile on a publican's face as he welcomes revellers? With Johnny Vegas. Writer/Director Diane Morgan; Producer Michael Spicer (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

10.30 Newsnight With Kirsty Wark. (S) (HD)

11.10 Weather (S) (HD)

11.15 What We Do in the Shadows

4/10 Series 2. The Curse. The room-mates fear they have been electronically cursed. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

11.35 5/10. Colin's Promotion. Colin Robinson gets promoted at work and his new status threatens the balance of power in the vampire house. Starring Kayvan Novak and Natasia Demetriou. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

12 midnight Agatha Christie: Lucy Worsley on the Mystery Queen 3/3. Unfinished Portrait. Examining the author's later life and how personal happiness ushered in a golden age for her writing. Shown last Friday (S) (AD) (HD)

1.00–4.25am Sign Zone 1.00 Trailblazers: a Rocky Mountain Road Trip 1/3. Ruby Wax, Mel B and Emily Atack retrace explorer Isabella Bird's footsteps. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

2.00 Strictly Come Dancing 12/13. The remaining couples tackle two new routines. Shown Sunday 7.15pm BBC1 (S) (AD) (HD)

3.45 Strictly Come Dancing: the Results The couples wait on tenterhooks. Shown Monday 8.15pm BBC1 (S) (AD) (HD)

BBC2 Freeview 2/HD 102 **Freesat** 102 **Sky** 102 **Virgin** 102

ITV1

3

Gordon, Gino & Fred: Unseen Bits 9.00pm The bloopers are even worse than the festive fashions



4.00pm Tipping Point

Ben Shephard presents as more players try to hit the jackpot on the giant machine. (R) (S) (HD)

5.00 The Chase

Miriam, Simon, Anna and Christopher face one of the Chasers. Bradley Walsh hosts. (R) (S) (HD)

6.00 Regional News Weather

(S) (HD)

6.30 ITV Evening News Weather

(S) (HD)

7.30 Emmerdale

Chas prepares for her trip with Paddy. Dawn makes a decision. Ethan invites his boss home.

Chas Dingle	Lucy Pargeter	David Metcalfe	Matthew Wolfenden
Paddy Dingle	Dominic Brunt	Eric Pollard	Christopher Chittell
Dawn Fletcher	Olivia Bromley	Esther Spencer	Florence Mae Dyson
Ethan Anderson	Emile John	Gabby Thomas	Rosie Bentham
Amy Wyatt	Natalie Ann Jamieson	Jacob Gallagher	Joe-Warren Plant
Bear Wolf	Joshua Richards	Jai Sharma	Christopher Bisson
Belle Dingle	Eden Taylor-Draper	Jimmy King	Nick Miles
Bernice Blackstock	Samantha Giles	Kerry Wyatt	Laura Norton
Billy Fletcher	Jay Kontzle	Kim Tate	Claire King
Bob Hope	Tony Audenshaw	Laurel Thomas	Charlotte Bellamy
Brenda Walker	Lesley Dunlop	Leyla Cavanagh	Roxy Shahidi
Charity Dingle	Emma Atkins	Liam Cavanagh	Jonny McPherson
Charles Anderson	Kevin Mathurin	Lydia Dingle	Karen Blick
Chloe Harris	Jessie Elland	Mackenzie Boyd	Lawrence Robb
Dan Spencer	Liam Fox	Mandy Dingle	Lisa Riley

Writer Martin Fustes More cast on Friday (S) (AD) (HD)

8.30 Christmas Saves and Scams? Tonight

With inflation at a 40-year high, how can we cut costs and still have a Christmas to remember? Sonali Shah shares 12 tips for saving cash and staying safe from scams during December.

Producer Lorna Hartnett (S) (HD)

NOTE: as *Tonight* reacts to the news its subject matter may change

9.00 Gordon, Gino & Fred: Unseen Bits

1/2. Gordon Ramsay, Gino D'Acampo and Fred Sirieix relive their epic road trips across Mexico, the USA and Morocco, and, naturally, they relish making each other squirm with embarrassment at the bloopers and blunders that were left on the cutting-room floor. More tomorrow 9pm.

Director Ben Archard; Executive producers Lisa Edwards, Gordon Ramsay and Steph Weatherill (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 ITV News at Ten

Weather; Regional News and Weather (S) (HD)

10.45 The Savoy at Christmas

The cameras return to the luxurious London hotel to chronicle the meticulous preparations for Christmas, which begin in November as the team work through the night to transform the Savoy into a winter wonderland. In the cellar, Ella and her team must organise hundreds of tons of food and wine. **See choice, page 66.**

Shown Monday 9pm (S) (AD) (HD)

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11.45 Bradley and Barney Walsh: Breaking Dad

In Rome, the father-and-son duo do battle in a fierce gladiatorial duel, before heading south to the Amalfi Coast, where they get the chance to swim in the Mediterranean.

Series producer Reshmi Bajnath
Executive producer Dan Baldwin (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

12.10am Home Shopping

3.00 **Game of Talents** Vernon Kay hosts as Jonathan Ross and Katherine Ryan guest. (R) (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

3.50 **Unwind** A sequence to calm the mind. (S) (HD)

5.05–6.00am **Beautiful Baking with Juliet Sear** Rosemary and parmesan shortbreads. (R) (S) (SL) (HD)

ITV1 Freeview 3/HD 103 **Freesat** 103 **Sky** 103 **Virgin** 113/HD 103
+1 Freeview 35 **Freesat** 112 **Sky** 203 **Virgin** 114

Channel 4

4
7 in Wales

Joe Lycett vs David Beckham: a Got Your Back Christmas Special 9.00pm The comic is on a mission



5.00pm Kirstie's Handmade Christmas

4/10. Four of the country's top knitters prepare to unveil their handmade creations.

Series producers Laura Knox and Laura McKay; Executive producer Jo Scott Repeated 7pm 4seven (S) (AD) (HD)

6.00 The Simpsons

Fat Man and Little Boy. Homer helps Lisa build a nuclear bomb for a school project. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

6.30 Hollyoaks

Dave and Honour worry about their son.

Dave Chen-Williams	Dominic Power	Diane Hutchinson	Alex Fletcher
Honour Chen-Williams	Vera Chok	Ella Richardson	Erin Palmer
Leah Barnes	Ela-May Demircan	Eric Foster	Angus Castle-Doughty
Beau Ramsey	Jon-Paul Bell	Ethan Williams	Matthew James-Bailey
Brooke Hathaway	Tylan Grant	Felix Westwood	Richard Blackwood
Charlie Dean	Charlie Behan	Grace Black	Tamara Wall
Damon Kinsella	Jacob Roberts	James Nightingale	Gregory Finnegan
Darren Osborne	Ashley Taylor Dawson	Joel Dexter	Rory Douglas-Speed
DeMarcus Westwood	Tomi Ade	Liberty Savage	Jessamy Stoddart

Writer Gareth Lemon More cast Tuesday Shown Wed 7pm E4
Rptd Fri 6.30am E4 The next episode follows on E4 (S) (AD) (HD)

7.00 Channel 4 News Sport; Weather

(S) (HD)

8.00 Inside Aldi at Christmas

The supermarket challenges its food producers, drinks suppliers and staff members to compete with its more established rivals. Success hinges on delivering high quality at low prices, but with a giant panna cotta disintegrating in the test kitchen, the countdown to Christmas is far from smooth. Meanwhile, manager Lee faces the daunting prospect of opening the company's 986th store at a time of spiralling costs.

Director Benjamin Potts; Producers Benjamin Potts and Cher Adamson Repeated tomorrow 9pm 4seven (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 Joe Lycett vs David Beckham: a Got Your Back Christmas Special

RT The comedian seeks to highlight the true cost of this year's World Cup in Qatar, as cameras follow him in the days leading up to his biggest headline-grabbing stunt to date. He also brings the good fight to one of the UK's biggest sellers of Christmas cards, as well as reuniting the cast of a TV classic. **See page 96.**

Director Jeanette Goulbourn; Series producer Matt Nida
Repeated 1.15am 4seven (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 Eight out of Ten Cats Does Countdown Christmas Special

Jimmy Carr hosts, with Susie Dent and Rachel Riley. Jon Richardson and Sarah Millican face off against Sean Lock and David Mitchell, while David O'Doherty joins Susie in Dictionary Corner.

Series producer Jodie Krstic; Executive producers Richard Osman, Ruth Phillips and Richard Cohen (R) (S) (HD)

11.05 Travel Man: 96 Hours in Iceland

Joe Lycett visits Iceland with Bill Bailey. During a packed four-day itinerary, they visit a punk museum in Reykjavik, experience an earthquake simulator and fly over the country's longest fjord.

Series producer Chris Richards
Series director Nicola Silk (R) (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

12.05am Jon and Lucy's Christmas Sleepover

Jon Richardson and Lucy Beaumont host a Christmas getaway for some of their friends. (R) (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

1.05 **The Secret World of Toys at Christmas** A look at toy makers around the world. (R) (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

2.00 **You Won't Believe This 4/4.** Suspects claim they survived a natural disaster. Shown Tue 10pm (S) (AD) (HD)

2.55 **24 Hours in A&E** A 70-year-old man is rushed to St George's struggling to breathe. (R) (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

3.50 **Couples Come Dine with Me** Reading. (R) (S) (SL) (HD)

4.45 **Devon and Cornwall** Enterprising Cornishman Jack decides to cultivate sunflowers. (R) (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

5.40–6.05am **Drawers Off: the Big Naked Painting Challenge** A stiletto-heeled model strikes a pose. (R) (S) (HD)

Channel 4 Freeview 4/HD 104 **Freesat** 104 **Sky** 104 **Virgin** HD 104
+1 Freeview 15 **Freesat** 121 **Sky** 204 **Virgin** 142

BBC4

9
24 in Scotland

The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel 9.00pm Evelyn (Judi Dench) looks for a fresh start in India



7.00pm Christmas University Challenge

9/10. In tonight's second semi-final the two highest-scoring winners from the heats compete for a place in the final. Jeremy Paxman asks the questions. Continues tomorrow 7pm. (R) (S) (HD)

7.30 Great Continental Railway Journeys

4/10. In Paris, at the Champs de Mars station, Michael takes in an epic view of the city from the top of the Arc de Triomphe, then heads for Montparnasse, where artists and writers of the 1920s and 30s spawned new art movements. In an elegant café, he learns about dada and the avant-garde during the "crazy years" after the First World War. Repeated 1am (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

8.00 The Real Marigold on Tour

4/4 **Series 2. Thailand.** Rosemary Shrager, Sheila Ferguson, Paul Nicholas and Dennis Taylor take a trip to Chiang Mai in northern Thailand. After the foursome venture out into the steamy heat, a grisly but enlightening shopping experience at the daily market is followed by a spicy Thai dish. Producers Eddie Stafford and Sam Palmer
Executive producers David Clews and Nic Patten
Repeated 1.30am (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel

Comedy drama. A group of impoverished British pensioners decide to try to make the pennies go further by spending their retirement at what they believe to be a luxury hotel in Jaipur, India. But the establishment run by the irrepressible Sonny proves to be something quite different. Available on iPlayer for 26 days. **Film of the Day: page 103.**

Evelyn	Judi Dench
Douglas	Bill Nighy
Muriel	Maggie Smith
Graham	Tom Wilkinson
Sonny	Dev Patel
Jean	Penelope Wilton
Norman	Ronald Pickup
Madge	Celia Imrie
Head nurse Karen	Liza Tarbuck
Mrs Kapoor	Lillete Dubey
Lawyer	Russell Balogh
Grandchild	Ramona Marquez

Director John Madden (2011, 12) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)
Shown Sunday 10.30pm BBC1

10.55 The Crow Road

2/2. **Fergus/Rory.** Ashley takes another step forward in solving the mystery of Rory. The last pieces of the jigsaw are falling into place, as Prentice discovers Rory's secret about the McHoan family. The main characters gather for the final showdown. First shown in 1996. For cast see Wednesday (R) (S) (HD)

1.00am **Great Continental Railway Journeys** Shown 7.30pm (S) (AD) (HD)

1.30 **The Real Marigold on Tour** Shown 8pm (S) (AD) (HD)

2.30–3.30am **Tomorrow's Worlds: the Unerthly History of Science Fiction 4/4** Dominic Sandbrook examines the use of time travel in the science-fiction genre. Shown Tuesday 11.35pm (S) (HD)

BBC4 F'view 9/HD 106 F'sat 108 **Sky** 116 **Virgin** 108

Regional variations

ITV1 WALES

8.30–9.00pm King and Cymru: a look at King Charles's relationship with Wales
10.45 **Sharp End:** political discussion with Rob Osborne
11.45–12.10am Christmas Saves and Scams? Tonight

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F'view 8 Sky 117 Virgin 159

6.00am **Dork Hunters** from Outer Space (R)
6.30 **Kong: the Animated Series** (R)
7.00 **Roswell** Conspiracies (R)
7.30 **Legend of the Dragon** (R)
8.00 **Fairy Tales for You:** double bill (R)
8.30 **Skysurfer** Strike Force (R)
9.00 **My Greek Odyssey** (R)
10.00 **The World's Most Incredible Hotels:** a glimpse inside luxurious hotels (R)
11.00 **Secret Cities** (R)
12 noon **Top Tens of Warfare** (R)
1.00pm **FILM:** *Lilies of the Field* ★★★★★ Drama starring Sidney Poitier (1963, U)
2.50 **FILM:** *Sabotage* ★★★★★ Mystery thriller starring Sylvia Sydney (1936, PG)
4.30 **Blackonomics** (R)
5.00 **Carry On** Christmas Long John: Sid James stars as Long John Silver (R)
6.00 **London Live News**
7.00 **Welcome to the Queen:** documentary record of the royal visit to Teesside in 1956
7.30 **Princess Margaret:** Princess Margaret's tour of Mauritius and East Africa in 1956
8.00 **Never the Twain:** comedy starring Donald Sinden and Windsor Davies (R)
8.30 **The Brothers McGregor** (R)
9.00 **Oliver Twist:** period drama based on the novel by Charles Dickens, starring Tom Hardy and Timothy Spall (R)
9.45 **Secrets of London** with Mark Monroe (R)
10.00 **London Live Film Festival** (R)
11.00 **FILM:** *Overlord* ★★ Second World War drama starring Brian Stirner (1975, 15)
12.45am **FILM:** *Assassin* ★★ Thriller with Danny Dyer and Martin Kemp (2014, 15)
2.30 **Danger Man** (R)
3.30 **News Rewind**
5.00–6.00 Talking Points

Channel 5
listings are overleaf

THURSDAY Freeview

Channel 5

5



Casualty 24/7: Every Second Counts 9.00pm ENP Jo Birkshaw de-masks

5.30am Milkshake! See page 102

9.15 New. Jeremy Vine (S) (HD)

12.30pm Bargain-Loving Brits in the Sun Featuring a woman who has been doing tarot card reading professionally for 24 years. (S) (HD) **1.25 5 News** (S) (HD)

1.30 An Unexpected Christmas ★★

P Romance. A speech writer convinces his ex to pretend they are still an item to keep the family happy at Christmas. Director Michael Robison (2021) (S) (W) (HD)

3.15 A Christmas in the City ★★

P Comedy drama. Sisters Meg and Jennifer choose to step into each other's shoes and switch homes for a few weeks over the festive period. Director Sean McNamara (2021) (S) (W) (HD)

5.00pm 5 News (S) (HD)

6.00 Eggheads

Highway Links, who all worked together in the transport department of Lincolnshire County Council, compete. (S) (HD)

6.30 The Eggheads face Hop Pole United from Aylesbury, who met playing in separate quiz teams at their local pub. Directors Barbara Wiltshire, John L. Spencer (S) (HD)

6.55 5 News Update (S) (HD)

7.00 Costco at Christmas

Cameras go behind the scenes at the membership-only wholesale retailer, meeting staff and discovering how the business model operates. Shown last Friday (S) (HD)

7.55 5 News Update (S) (HD)

8.00 New. Inside the Tower of London

RT 7/7 Series 5. The fortress needs to make some important changes to mark the new King's reign – the Yeoman Warder's uniforms have to be updated and the Queen's House must now be renamed. See page 96.

Directors Eadaoin Hegarty, Greg Jacobs, Freddie Martin, Lewis Price and Simon Smith (S) (HD) Followed by **5 News Update** (S) (HD)

9.00 New. Casualty 24/7: Every Second Counts

It is a big day in the A&E department of Barnsley Hospital, as staff are finally allowed to work without masks for the first time since the pandemic hit the UK. Directors Jade Gilbert and Aaron Nelson (S) (HD)

10.00 A&E after Dark

2/6 Series 1. A scooter accident leaves an 18-year-old with severe injuries and a student has broken his ankle running away from a chihuahua.

Directors Selina Lewis and Simon Bowyer (S) (HD)

11.05 Motorway Cops: Catching Britain's Speeders

1/10 Series 2. PCs Ian Cosgrove and Rich Woodward attend the scene of a multiple vehicle crash on the M56. Director/Producer Jo Conchie (S) (HD)

12.05am 999: Criminals Caught on Camera (S) (HD) **1.00 New.** Casino (S) (HD) **3.00** Entertainment News (S) (HD) **3.05** Rich House, Poor House (S) (HD) **4.45–5.35am** Cruising with Jane McDonald (S) (SL) (HD)

C5 F'view 5/HD 105 **F'sat** 105 **Sky** 105 **Virgin** 154/HD 105 **+1** Freeview 46 **Freesat** 128 **Sky** 205 **Virgin** 155

BBC4 listings are overleaf

BBC3

23



Bad Education Reunion 9.00pm Back together: Mitchell, Alfie and Stephen

7.00pm Emma. ★★ ★★

P Period comedy drama based on the novel by Jane Austen, starring Anya Taylor-Joy and Johnny Flynn. Available on iPlayer for 25 days. **Review page 53.** Director Autumn de Wilde (2020, U) (S) (W) (HD) Shown Saturday 6.35pm BBC2

8.55 New. The Catch Up (S) (HD)

9.00 New. Bad Education Reunion

RT Class K are back for a careers day and reunion party that descends into mayhem. See page 97. (S) (AD) (HD)

Alfie Wickers

Inchez

Mitchell

Fraser

Stephen Carmichael

Blessing

Frank Grayson

Rem Dagg

Gulliver

Jack Whitehall

Anthony J Abraham

Charlie Wernham

Matthew Horne

Layton Williams

Francesca Amewudah-Rivers

Jack Bence

Jack Binstead

Sarah Solemani

9.45 Ellie and Natasia

5/6. The Brothers Pomodoro return to show off their new cookbook. (S) (HD)

10.00 New. Planet Sex with Cara Delevingne

3/6. Cara sets out to discover alternative types of pornography. (S) (HD)

10.45 New. Shri!l

4/6. Annie goes to a pool party. (S) (HD)

11.10 New. 5/6. Annie deals with her internet troll. A box set is on iPlayer. (S) (HD)

11.35 The Irish League Show

Recent IFA Premiership fixtures. (S) (HD)

12.05–4.00am Bellator MMA Replay: a chance to see Bellator 286 (S) (HD)

BBC3 F'view 23/HD 109 (not Scot/Wales) **F'sat** 179/HD 107 **Sky** 117 (173 London; 141 Scot) **Virgin** 107 (157 Scot/Wales)

ITV2

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6.00am Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records (S) (HD) **7.00** The Cabins (S) (HD)

8.00 Love Bites (S) (SL) (AD) (HD) **10.00** Dress to Impress: double bill (S) (HD)

12 noon Rolling in It (S) (AD) (HD) **1.00pm**

Family Fortunes (S) (HD) **2.00** Supermarket

Sweep (S) (HD) **3.05** Totally Bonkers

Guinness World Records (S) (HD) **3.20**

One Tree Hill (S) (HD) **4.00** Chuck (S) (HD)

6.00pm Celebrity Catchphrase Stephen Mulhern hosts a festive edition. With Perri Kiely, Anne Hegerty and Rob Brydon. (S) (AD) (HD)

7.00 Dress to Impress Lucy, Sasha and Jenny choose outfits for Toby from Cheshire. (S) (HD)

8.00 Bob's Burgers Series 6. A grumpy mall Santa threatens to put Tina, Gene and Louise on his naughty list. (S) (AD) (HD)

8.30 Series 7. Bob gets involved in a gingerbread house competition. (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 Family Guy Series 11. Brian uses Stewie's time machine to impress women at bars, but ends up breaking it. (S) (AD) (HD)

9.30 Series 13. Brian and Peter go on a mission to find a Thanksgiving turkey. (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 New. Celebrity Juice: the Last Hurrah! Keith Lemon bids farewell to the show with a look back at its 14-year history. (S) (HD)

11.00 Family Guy Series 10. Peter's business is closed by city hall, so he responds by joining the Tea Party. (S) (AD) (HD)

11.30 American Dad! Series 16. Stan feels compelled to right an old wrong. (S) (AD) (HD)

12 midnight Series 15. Steve babysits Roger's ex-tumour Rogu. (S) (AD) (HD)

12.30am The Stand Up Sketch Show (S) (HD)

1.30 Hey Tracey! (S) (HD) **2.30–3.00am** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records (S) (HD)

ITV2 Freeview 6 **Freesat** 113 **Sky** 118 **Virgin** 115/HD 176 **+1** Freeview 29 **Freesat** 114 **Sky** 218 **Virgin** 116

ITV3

10



Vera 8.00pm Stanhope investigates when a woman dies at a holiday park

6.00am Classic Coronation Street (S) (AD)

7.00 Classic Emmerdale (S) **8.05** Man about the House (S) **9.10** The Darling Buds of May: 1/7 Series 2. Oh! To Be in England 1/2. Pop sets his sights on an elderly widow's home; **10.25 2/7.** Oh! To Be in England 2/2. Preparations get under way for the christening (S) (HD)

11.35 Heartbeat: 1/24. Miller faces a dilemma; **12.35pm 2/24.** A notorious burglar returns to Aidsfield (S) (AD)

1.40pm Classic Emmerdale: double bill. Emily and Paddy are nervous about talking to Debbie, then Zoe makes it to hospital (S)

2.50 Classic Coronation Street: double bill. The battle lines are drawn between Dev and Gill, then Audrey makes an alarming discovery (S) (AD) **3.50** A Touch of Frost: Series 5. No Other Love. A pawnbroker is shot dead in an armed robbery (S) (AD)

6.00pm Heartbeat

3/24 Series 18. Joe and Carol clash over a single mother, and there's a price to pay when a dog goes missing. (S) (AD)

7.00 4/24. Joe and Rachel investigate a violent attack on a hippie, while David goes to war with a rival taxi firm. (S) (AD)

8.00 Vera

1/4 Series 5. Changing Tides. DCI Vera Stanhope investigates the death of a woman in a suspicious fire that ripped through a coastal holiday park. (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 Cracker

1/7 Series 3. Brotherly Love 1/3. The psychologist makes arrangements for his mother's funeral, unaware the priest has just heard a confession of murder. (S) (AD) **11.20 2/7. Brotherly Love 2/3.** Forensic evidence links David Harvey to the murders – but because the second was committed while he was behind bars, suspicion falls on his brother Michael. (S) (AD)

12.30–2.30am Ladies of Letters: **3/10 Series 2** Vera is sceptical about Irene's new life; **12.55 4/10.** The friends step in to raise their grand-daughters; **1.30 5/10.** Irene is tipped over the edge; **1.55 6/10.** Irene finds herself living rough. More tomorrow 12.15am (S) (AD)

ITV3 Freeview 10 **Freesat** 115 **Sky** 119 **Virgin** 117/HD 177 **+1 F'view** 59 (9pm–4am) **F'sat** 116 **Sky** 219 **Virgin** 174

ITV4

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6.00am The Champions (S) **6.55** Cadfael (S) (HD) **8.25** Magnum, PI (S) (AD) (HD) **9.30** The Professionals (S) (AD) **10.30** Minder: a prisoner escapes (S) (AD) **11.35** The Protectors (S)

12.10pm The Champions (S) **1.10** Cadfael (S) (HD) **2.50** Magnum, PI (S) (AD) (HD) **3.55** The Professionals (S) (AD) **4.55** Minder (S) (AD)

6.00pm Giant Lobster Hunters Bryce faces a ferocious storm. (S) (AD) (HD)

7.00 BattleBots Five American robots take on contenders from other countries. (S) (HD)

8.00 Junk and Disorderly Henry Cole visits automobilia heaven, while Allen and Skid fix a monkey bike. (S) (HD)

9.00 FILM Van Helsing ★★ ★★ Action fantasy horror from the director of *The Mummy*, starring Hugh Jackman as

Vatican-appointed monster slayer Gabriel Van Helsing. **Review p103.** (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

11.40 FILM Speed ★★ ★★ Action thriller with Keanu Reeves, Dennis Hopper and Sandra Bullock. A cop tries to save the passengers on a bus that is wired to explode if it goes below 50mph. **Review p103.** (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

1.55am All Elite Wrestling: Rampage (S) (HD)

2.50–3.00am Unwind (S) (HD)

ITV4 Freeview 26 **Freesat** 117 **Sky** 120 **Virgin** 118/HD 178

+1 **Freesat** 118 **Sky** 220 **Virgin** 175

Drama

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New Tricks 10.00pm A market trader's death is puzzling for Sandra and co

7.00am As Time Goes By Repeated 5.20pm (S) **7.30** All Creatures Great and Small Repeated 4.20pm (S) **8.30** New Tricks Repeated 10pm (AD) **9.50** Classic Casualty: double bill. Elle questions Connie's focus, then Ethan passes up the chance of happiness for his brother (HD)

12 noon The Bill: Knowles's death prompts a manhunt **1.00pm** Classic EastEnders: double bill. Steve takes Phil's daughter Louise as an act of revenge, then Lisa and Phil rush to the hospital **2.20** New Tricks: **7/10 Series 11.** The detectives reopen the case of a pub landlord killed in a fire; **3.20 8/10.** A DNA sample from a rebellious teenager provides a link to a killer (S) (AD) (HD) **4.20** All Creatures Great and Small: **1/12 Series 6.** Here and There. James is intrigued by a cowhand Shown 7.30am (S)

5.20pm As Time Goes By

7/10 Series 3. The Mini-Series. Lionel is commissioned to write a mini-series. Shown 7am Repeated 12.20am (S)

6.00 8/10. A Trip to Los Angeles. Jean and Lionel travel to the USA. Rptd 1am (S)

6.40 Last of the Summer Wine Series 1. Inventor of the 40-Foot Ferret Compo adopts a spiritual outlook on life. (S) **7.20 Pâté and Chips.** The trio go on a field trip to a historical home. (S)

8.00 Judge John Deed

5/6 Series 4. Separation of Powers Jo takes on a distressing case in which a company is accused of damaging the health of the community. (S) (AD)

10.00 New Tricks

4/10 Series 8. Setting Out Your Stall The team reinvestigates the death of a popular market trader. Shown 8.30am (S) (AD)

11.00 Hustle

1/6 Series 4. As One Flew Out, One Flew In Danny takes charge of the latest con. (HD)

12.20am As Time Goes By Shown 5.20pm/6pm (S) **1.40** Auf Wiedersehen, Pet: **1/6 Series 4** The lads find themselves in a tight spot after a disastrous job in Russia (S) **2.30–4.00am** A Place to Call Home: **1/10 Series 2.** Elizabeth makes a shock announcement (S) (HD)

Drama Freeview 20 **Freesat** 158 **Sky** 143 **Virgin** 130 **+1** Freeview 60 **Sky** 243 **Virgin** 226

ITVBe

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7.00am The Real Housewives of Cheshire: Magali heads to London (S) (AD) (HD) **8.00** Masters of Flip (S) (HD) **9.00** LittleBe (HD)

12 noon Best Cake Wins (S) (HD) **12.30pm** The Real Housewives of New Jersey: double bill (S) (HD) **2.15** The Real Housewives of Cheshire (S) (AD) (HD) **3.15** The Only Way Is Essex (S) (HD) **4.15 New.** The Real Housewives of Salt Lake City (S) (HD)

6.10pm FILM Christmas on the Range ★★ Romance starring Erin Cahill. (S) (W) (HD)

8.00 Celebrity Christmas Dinner Date With reality-TV star Hugo Taylor. (S) (HD)

9.00 New. Kelsey Parker: Life after Tom Following Kelsey Parker navigating life after the death of her husband, Tom. (S) (HD)

10.00 New. Love Island: Australia Relationship-based reality show with singletons seeking a summer romance. (S) (HD)

11.10 Botched: Most Outrageous Before and After Beverly Hills plastic surgeons Terry Dubrow and Paul Nassif review memorable cases. (S) (AD) (HD)

11.35 The Only Way Is Essex Gemma prepares to leave for Beverly Hills. (S) (HD)

12.40–1.00am Unwind (S) (HD)

ITVBe Freeview 28 **Freesat** 119 **Sky** 131 **Virgin** 119/HD 179

+1 **Virgin** 120 (Scotland 162)

More4

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Matt Baker: Christmas Travels with Mum and Dad 9.00pm

8.55am Food Unwrapped **9.15** A Place in the Sun **11.05** Find It, Fix It, Flog It (AD) **1.10pm** Heir Hunters **3.10** Four in a Bed **5.55** Escape to the Château: DIY (AD) **6.55pm** **Escape to the Château** As Dick and Angel Strawbridge attempt to rejuvenate the orangery's exterior, they discover some unexpected history beneath their feet. (AD) **7.55** **Grand Designs** Can you build a *Grand Design* with only £500? Simon and Jasmine hoped so when they started to build a 21st-century, low-impact family house high up in the hills of rural Pembrokeshire, using foraged and recycled materials. (AD) **9.00** **CHOICE New. Matt Baker: Christmas Travels with Mum and Dad** Taking a break from running their farm in the Durham Dales, Matt takes his parents to explore County Durham's Raby Castle and its wider estate. **See page 97.** (AD) **10.00** **Father Ted** Ted wins the coveted Golden Cleric award after his quick thinking averts a potentially embarrassing situation in Ireland's largest lingerie department. (AD) **11.15** **24 Hours in A&E** Fifteen-year-old Natai is rushed to A&E with a lacerated wrist after putting his hand through a glass pane. Fahad, 17, arrives with chronic stomach pain caused by an underlying disease. (AD) **12.15am** Eight out of Ten Cats Does Countdown: hosted by Jimmy Carr **1.20** Emergency Helicopter Medics (AD) **2.20** Father Ted Christmas Special (AD) **3.30–4.00am** Food Unwrapped (AD) **More4** F'view 18 F'sat 124 Sky 136 Virgin 147/HD 195 **+1** Freesat 125 Sky 236 Virgin 196

E4

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6.00am Hollyoaks Shown Tue/Wed C4 (AD) **7.00** Ramsay's Hotel Hell (AD) **8.00** Black-ish (AD) **9.00** How I Met Your Mother (AD) **10.00** The Big Bang Theory (AD) **11.00** The Goldbergs (AD) **12 noon** Brooklyn Nine-Nine (AD) **1.00pm** The Big Bang Theory (AD) **3.00** The Goldbergs (AD) **4.00** Modern Family **5.00** The Big Bang Theory: two episodes (AD) **6.00pm** **The Big Bang Theory 11/24 Series 8** Amy hosts a Christmas Eve dinner. (AD) **6.30** **12/24.** Raj endures an anxious day. (AD) **7.00** **Hollyoaks** Ste gives Leah some advice. Cast pp79/99 Repeated tomorrow 6.30pm C4 (AD) **7.30** **The Big Bang Theory 21/24 Series 5** Howard takes advantage of Sheldon. (AD) **8.00** **New. Modern Family 5/24 Series 5** Each of the clans runs late for dinner. **8.30** **New. 6/24.** Gloria hires a male nanny. Both episodes first shown on Sky **9.00** **Gogglebox** *Coronation Street* and *Strictly Come Dancing* are appraised. (AD) **10.00** **New. Celebs Go Dating** Paul and Anna have a huge announcement to make. **11.05** **Gogglebox** Opinions on *Strictly Come Dancing* and *Antiques Roadshow*. (AD) **12.10am** First Dates (AD) **1.15** Rick and Morty (AD) **1.50** Robot Chicken (AD) **2.15** **New.** Harley Quinn **2.40** Celebs Go Dating **3.35** **New.** Summer House **4.20** Ramsay's Hotel Hell (SL) (AD) **5.05–6.00am** Brooklyn Nine-Nine (SL) (AD) **E4** Freeview 13 Freesat 122 Sky 135 Virgin 106/HD 145 **+1** Freeview 30 Freesat 123 Sky 235 Virgin 146 **E4 Extra** Freeview 31 Freesat 181 Sky 138 Virgin 337

Really

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6.00am Fantasy Homes by the Sea **7.00** Shopping **8.00** Salvage Hunters **9.00** The Repair Shop **10.00** Antiques Road Trip **12 noon** Money for Nothing **1.00pm** The Hotel Inspector **2.00** Animal Cops Houston **4.00** Dr Jeff **5.00** Helicopter ER **6.00** The Repair Shop **7.00** Antiques Road Trip **9.00** **New.** Ghost Adventures: Screaming Room **10.00** The Osbournes Want to Believe **11.00** Ghost Adventures (AD) **12 midnight** A Haunting **1.00am** Ghost Adventures (AD) **2.00** Shopping **4.00–6.00am** Animal Cops Houston: double bill **Really** Freeview 17 Freesat 160 Sky 142 Virgin 128

Sky Arts

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Jane Fonda in Five Acts 9.00pm

A look at the star's remarkable life

6.00am Janine Jansen: Falling for Stradivari (AD) **7.45** Pavarotti: Tenth Anniversary Gala **9.00** Tales of the Unexpected (AD) **10.00** Alfred Hitchcock Presents: double bill **11.00** Discovering: Vanessa Redgrave **12 noon** Hitler's Jazz Band **1.00pm** Tales of the Unexpected (AD) **2.00** Portrait Artist of the Year 2021 (AD) **4.00** Discovering: Jason Robards **5.00** Tales of the Unexpected (AD) **6.00pm** **Alfred Hitchcock Presents** A bookmaker blackmails a man who faked his own death to collect insurance money. **6.30** A police chief is found dead, but the officers investigating run into difficulties trying to find the murder weapon. **7.00** **Best of Portrait Artist of the Year** A look back at the best moments from the ninth series of the painting competition. **8.00** **Discovering: Ben Kingsley** The life and career of the Oscar-winning actor. **9.00** **Jane Fonda in Five Acts** Intimate documentary about the life of the actress, including extensive archival footage and looking at her best-known film roles. **11.30** **Film Noir** An exploration of how different styles of *noir* developed. **12.30am** Alice Cooper: Live at Montreux: a 2005 concert by the rock singer, featuring performances of *No More Mr Nice Guy*, *School's Out* and *Poison* **2.30** Steven Tyler: Live at Melrose Ballroom **3.40** Discovering: Iggy Pop (AD) **4.05** Cheltenham Literature Festival **5.05** Patti Smith: Music Icons **5.30–6.00am** Video Killed the Radio Star **Sky Arts** Freeview 11 Freesat 147 Sky 130 Virgin 165/HD 140 BT 350/HD 365

4seven

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9.00am Four in a Bed: the Fauconberg Arms in Coxwold **9.30** Come Dine with Me: Suffolk **12 noon** Kirstie's Handmade Christmas (AD) **1.00pm** Château DIY at Christmas (AD) **2.00** A Place in the Sun: Home or Away **3.00** A Place in the Sun **4.00** Jamie's Quick and Easy Christmas: simple festive recipes (AD) **5.00** Château DIY at Christmas (AD) **6.00pm** **A Place in the Sun** A hunt for a holiday home in Lucca, Tuscany. Shown 4pm C4 **7.00** **Kirstie's Handmade Christmas 4/10** Four crafters compete in a festive knitting competition. Shown 5pm Channel 4 (AD) **8.00** **Jamie's Easy Christmas 2/2.** More festive recipes, including a salmon gravadlax starter. **See choice, p76.** Shown Tue 8pm C4 (AD) **9.00** **The Disappearance of April Jones 1/3.** The investigation into the disappearance of the five-year-old. Shown Monday 9pm C4 **10.00** **2/3.** The criminal investigation into prime suspect Mark Bridger. Shown Tue 9pm C4 **11.05** **3/3.** The forensic evidence and the trial of Mark Bridger. Shown Wed 9pm C4 (AD) **12.10am** 24 Hours in Police Custody (AD) **1.15** Joe Lycett v David Beckham: a Got Your Back Christmas Special (AD) **2.20** Inside Aldi at Christmas (AD) **3.25** Inside KFC at Christmas (AD) **4.20–4.50am** The Simpsons: Marge decides to adopt Nelson (AD) **4seven** F'view 49 F'sat 127 Sky 137 Virgin 143/HD 193

Quest

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6.00am How Do They Do It? **6.25** Find It, Fix It, Flog It **7.10** The Repair Shop **8.00** American Pickers **10.00** Chasing Classic Cars **11.00** Fifth Gear **12 noon** Massive Engineering Mistakes **1.00pm** Money for Nothing **2.00** The Repair Shop **3.00** Find It, Fix It, Flog It **4.00** Salvage Hunters **5.00** Salvage Hunters: the Restorers **6.00pm** Wheeler Dealers (AD) **7.00** Aussie Gold Hunters **8.00** Salvage Hunters **9.00** Wheeler Dealers **10.00** Shed and Buried **11.00** How Do They Do It? **12 midnight** Wheeler Dealers **1.00am** Chasing Classic Cars **2.00** Salvage Hunters: Classic Cars **3.00** Overhaulin' **4.00–5.00am** **New.** Snooker: action from day four of the English Open **Quest** Freeview 12 Freesat 172/HD 167 Sky 144 Virgin 169 **+1** Freeview 70 Freesat 168 Sky 244 Virgin 213

Yesterday

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Secrets of the London Underground 8.00pm

6.00am Impossible Engineering (AD) **8.00** Top Gear (AD) **9.00** The World at War **10.00** War Factories **11.00** Great British Railway Journeys **12 noon** Bangers and Cash: Restoring Classics (AD) **1.00pm** Bangers and Cash **2.00** Great British Railway Journeys **4.00** The World at War **5.00** War Factories **6.00pm** **WW2: Battles for Europe** The Canadians seize Hitler's island fortress to open up the vital port of Antwerp. **7.00** **Abandoned Engineering** Cachtice Castle, home to Elizabeth Bathory, who is said to have killed over 600 girls. (AD) **8.00** **Secrets of the London Underground** Exploring the abandoned branch line between Holborn and Aldwych. (AD) **9.00** **Bangers and Cash** Dave's son Jack collects two cars with a 35-year age difference, and luckily for Mathewsons, Lucy knows exactly what's been brought in for auction. **10.00** A delightful collection of British classics comes up for auction, including an Austin A35 and a Hillman Avenger Estate. **11.00** **Abandoned Engineering** The construction of the Vajont Dam. (AD) **12 midnight** Top Gear (AD) **1.00–3.00am** Impossible Engineering: double bill (AD) **Yesterday** Freeview 27 Freesat 159 Sky 155 Virgin 129 **+1** Freeview 75 Sky 255 Virgin 217

Dave

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7.10am Yianni: Supercar Customiser (AD) **8.00** Border Force: America's Gatekeepers (AD) **10.00** Travel Man: 48 Hours in Dubrovnik (AD) **10.30** Travel Man: 48 Hours in Krakow (AD) **11.00** Ross Noble: Off Road **12 noon** Cops on the Rock (AD) **1.00pm** Special Ops: Crime Squad UK (AD) **2.00** Top Gear (AD) **3.00** Rick Stein's Long Weekends (AD) **4.00** Top Gear: double bill (AD) **6.00pm** **QI** With guests Gyles Brandreth, Susan Calman and Jessica Fosteckew. **7.00** **Richard Osman's House of Games** With Dr Maggie Aderin-Pocock, the Rev Richard Coles, Stuart Maconie and Lou Sanders. **7.40** **QI XL** Extended episode, with Jo Brand, Clive Anderson and Jimmy Carr. **8.20** **Would I Lie to You?** Maya Jama, Roisin Conaty and Roman Kemp guest. **9.00** **QI XL** With Aisling Bea, Lee Mack, Jason Manford and Alan Davies. **10.00** **New. Live at the Moth Club 3/5.** The electric wiring at the club fails. **11.00** **Have I Got a Bit More News for You** Steph McGovern hosts the news quiz. **12 midnight** Mock the Week **1.20am** Alan Davies: As Yet Untitled **2.25** **QI XL** **3.00** Comedians Giving Lectures **3.30–4.00am** as 7pm **Dave** F'view 19 F'sat 157 Sky 111 (Wales 112) Virgin HD 127 **Dave Ja Vu** Freeview 74 Sky 211 (Wales 212) Virgin 131

W

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6.10am Inside the Ambulance **7.00** as 4pm **8.00** Tipping Point **10.00** Tipping Point: Lucky Stars **11.00** DIY SOS: Grenfell **12 noon** Inside the Ambulance **2.00pm** Tipping Point **4.00** DIY SOS: Grenfell **5.00** My Family (AD) **7.00pm** **MasterChef USA** The contestants make their own sausages in less than an hour. **8.00** **Nurses on the Ward** Midwife Amy delivers a baby with a falling heart rate. (AD) **9.00** **DIY SOS: the Big Build** Nick Knowles and the team make over a house in Hereford. **10.00** **24 Hours in A&E** A 71-year-old has fallen head first onto a tiled floor. **11.00** **Ski A&E** Featuring people who pay the price for white-knuckle thrills. **12 midnight** One Born Every Minute **1.00am** Inside the Ambulance at Christmas: a young man has breathing difficulties **2.00–3.00am** Tipping Point **W** Freeview 25 Freesat 156 Sky 132 Virgin HD 125 **+1** Sky 232 Virgin 190

5 USA

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9.00am Entertainment News **9.05** NCIS (AD) **12 noon** Law & Order **4.55pm** Entertainment News **5.00** Law & Order **6.00pm** NCIS Series 16. Three episodes. Gibbs's investigation is shut down **7.00** Gibbs is asked to help search for a missing military ID bracelet **8.00** A girl is found hiding in a storage unit (AD) **9.00** **New.** Blue Bloods Series 1. Double bill. A reality TV star dies during a fashion show, then Danny investigates the murder of a tourist Both eps first shown on Sky Atlantic **10.55** Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Series 16. Double bill **12.55am** Criminal Minds **2.50** Law & Order: Criminal Intent: a murder is linked to a hospital **3.35–4.00am** Criminals: Caught on Camera **5 USA** Freeview 21 Freesat 129 Sky 141 Virgin 153 **+1** Freesat 130 Sky 241 Virgin 185

5 Star

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8.00am Entertainment News **8.10** Rich Kids Go Skint **9.00** Car Pound Cops: Give Me My Car Back! **10.00** Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords **11.00** Shoplifters and Scammers: at War with the Law **12 noon** Entertainment News **12.05pm** Traffic Cops **2.05** Police Interceptors: triple bill **5.10pm** **FILM** **Our Christmas Love Song** ★★ Romantic drama starring Alicia Witt. **7.00** **Toby Carvery: How Do They Do It?** Behind the scenes at the restaurant chain. **8.00** **New. Council House Swap 6/6** A couple are looking to swap their three-bed Victorian maisonette in Chiswick, London. **9.00** **New series. Cold Case Killers** The stories behind famous murder investigations. **10.00** **FILM** **GI Joe: Retaliation** ★★ Action adventure sequel starring Bruce Willis and Dwayne Johnson. The GI Joe team are framed by Cobra leader Zartan, who is now posing as the President of the United States. **12.15am** Killer at the Crime Scene **1.15** Hoarders: No Room to Move **2.15** Council House Swap **3.10–4.00am** Dirty John: Betty Broderick **5 Star** Freeview 32 Freesat 131 Sky 128 Virgin 151 **+1** Freesat 141 Sky 228 Virgin 186

5 Action

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9.00am Entertainment News **9.15** Trucking Hell **10.15** Police Interceptors **11.20** **FILM** The Wings of Eagles ★★ Biographical drama starring John Wayne and Maureen O'Hara **1.40pm** **FILM** The Comancheros ★★ Western starring John Wayne. **Review p103** **4.00** Trucking Hell (AD) **5.00** Traffic Cops **6.00pm** **Police Interceptors** A man is suspected of possessing a loaded crossbow. **7.00** The officers are on the tail of an Astra that has been reported as stolen. **8.00** Officers hunt for three teenagers alleged to have threatened a shopkeeper. **9.00** **New. Trucking Hell** Alpha recovery ops try to salvage a 50-ton construction machine from a muddy embankment. (AD) **10.00** **Outback Truckers** The Stephens brothers battle bogs to rescue their haul. **11.00** **Wrestling** WWE action presented by Tom Phillips, Samoa Joe and Byron Saxton. **12 midnight** 999: Criminals Caught on Camera **1.00am** Lucifer **2.00** Professionals **3.05** Wanted **3.55** **New.** World's Deadliest Weather: Caught on Camera: flooding in central Europe **4.50–5.00am** Entertainment News **5 Action** F'view 33 F'sat 132 Sky 150 Virgin 187/HD 150

5 Select

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9.00 Entertainment News **9.10** **FILM** A Christmas Movie Christmas ★★ Fantasy comedy **11.05** **FILM** Merry and Bright ★★ Romance **1.00pm** GPs: behind Closed Doors (AD) **3.00** Classic Cash in the Attic **6.00pm** **Jane McDonald: Cruising Iceland** Jane's trip aboard the *Ocean Diamond*. **7.00** **Jane McDonald Christmas Cruising** The singer recalls two festive cruises. **9.00** **Royals Revealed** How royals prepare for every possibility of life in the public eye. **10.00** **Forged in Fire** Re-creating a fearsome battle weapon known as the kampilan. **10.55** An executioner's sword. **11.50** **Inside Windsor Castle** Four episodes of the documentary examining the history of the royal residence over the past 80 years. **3.35–4.00am** The Yorkshire Vet (AD) **5 Select** F'view (HD only) 56 F'sat 133 Sky 153 Virgin 152

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THURSDAY Freeview & films

PBS America 84



Inside Japan's War 9.40pm
Prime Minister Hideki Tojo

8.00am Beautiful Serengeti **8.30** Saints and Sinners: a Millennium of Monasteries (S) **9.45** 1066: a Year to Conquer England **10.55** WWII in the Pacific **11.55** Inside Japan's War (S) **1.00pm** Beautiful Serengeti **1.30** as 6.10pm **2.50** 1066: a Year to Conquer England **4.00** WWII in the Pacific **5.05** as 9.40pm

6.10pm Saints and Sinners: a Millennium of Monasteries **3/3** How monasteries were turned to ruin under the rule of Henry VIII. (S) **7.30** 1066: a Year to Conquer England **3/3**. Duke William leads his invasion fleet across the Channel.

8.40 WWII in the Pacific **3/3** The War in the Pacific was starting to go America's way, yet Japan was becoming determined.

9.40 Inside Japan's War **3/4** The experiences of those in the occupied territories. (S)

10.50 1066: a Year to Conquer England As 7.30pm.

12 midnight WWII in the Pacific **1.05-2.00am** Beautiful Serengeti

PBS America F'view 84 (1pm-12 midnight only) Freesat 155 Sky 174 Virgin 273

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7.00am Border Security: America's Front Line **7.30** Border Security USA (AD) **8.00** Motorway Patrol (AD) **9.00** Police Ten **7** **10.00** Nothing to Declare (AD) **11.00** Highway Patrol **12 noon** Highway Cops (AD) **1.00pm** Border Patrol **2.00** Border Security: America's Front Line (AD) **3.00** Nothing to Declare **4.00** Star Trek: the Next Generation **5.00** Star Trek: Enterprise **6.00** Star Trek: Deep Space Nine **7.00** Hawaii Five-O **8.00** Nothing to Declare **9.00** **New**. Manifest: double bill. Ben is afraid of losing his daughter to the Believers, then Saanvi shares a medical breakthrough (AD) **11.00** **New**. The Good Doctor **12 midnight** Britain's Most Evil Killers **1.00am** The Force: Manchester **2.00** Nothing to Declare: double bill **3.00** Border Patrol **4.00** Motorway Patrol **5.00-6.00am** Police Ten **7**

Pick F'view 36 F'sat 144 Sky 151 Virgin 156

HGTV 44

7.00am Escape to the Country (AD) **8.00** The Restoration Man **9.00** A Place in the Sun **10.00** Homes under the Hammer **11.00** Escape to the Country **12 noon** My Lottery Dream Home **1.00pm** Home Town (AD) **3.00** The Restoration Man **4.00** Good Bones **5.00** Homes under the Hammer **6.00** A Place in the Sun **7.00** Escape to the Country: double bill. Norfolk, then Wiltshire **9.00** **New**. Kendra Sells Hollywood: double bill **10.00** My Dream Derelict Home in the Sun **11.00** Married to Real Estate **12 midnight** Escape to the Country **1.00am** Homes under the Hammer **2.00** Good Bones **3.00-4.00am** My Lottery Dream Home

HGTV F'view 44 F'sat 166 Sky 158 Virgin 286 **+1** Sky 258 Virgin 290

FREEVIEW channels continued from overleaf

Smithsonian 57



Inside the Christmas Factory 8.00pm
Cherry Healey

6.00am Aerial America (HD) **7.00** Air Warriors (HD) **10.00** Epic Yellowstone (HD) **12 noon** Aerial Argentina **1.00pm** Master of Glass: the Art of Dale Chihuly **2.00** Searching for Secrets (HD) **4.00** Epic Yellowstone (HD)

6.00pm Aerial Argentina **Ep 2** Examining the Patagonia region. **7.00** **Ep 1**. A look at the richness of the Argentinian landscape.

8.00 Inside the Christmas Factory Christmas cakes, marzipan and sprouts. (HD)

9.00 How Did They Build That? **5/10** Series 2. The design and engineering secrets behind the Grand Canyon Skywalk. (HD) **10.00** **6/10**. A visit to the Vancouver House and Norway's Under restaurant. (HD)

11.00 WWII Battles in Colour **4/6**. The Battle of Kursk. (HD)

12 midnight How Did They Build That? (HD) **2.00am** WWII Battles in Colour (HD) **3.00-6.00am** Aerial America: triple bill (HD)

Smithsonian Freeview (HD only) 57 Freesat 175 Sky 171 Virgin 276

Great TV 50

6.00am Sue Thomas: F.B.Eye **8.00** Highway to Heaven **10.00** **FILM** The Christmas Shepherd **★ ★** Romance **11.50** Movie News **12 noon** Castle **1.00pm** Body of Proof **3.00** Sue Thomas: F.B.Eye **5.00** Murder, She Wrote: double bill **7.00** M*A*S*H **9.00** Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased) **10.00** The Persuaders! **11.00** Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?: big-money quiz **12 midnight** M*A*S*H: four episodes **2.00am** Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased) **3.00** Sue Thomas: F.B.Eye **4.30-6.00am** Highway to Heaven

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RealityXtra 68

9.00am Perry Mason **11.00** Matlock **12 noon** NCIS **1.00pm** JAG **3.00** Perry Mason **5.00** Unsolved Mysteries **6.55** Judge Judy **9.00** NCIS: the team investigates when a gay lieutenant is murdered **10.00** Unsolved Mysteries: double bill. The fate of Abraham Lincoln's assassin, then a prison escapee who killed three people **11.55** Judge Judy **2.00am** NCIS **3.00** Evidence of Evil **5.00-6.00am** Matlock

RealityXtra Freeview 68 Freesat 134 Sky 147 Virgin 197

BBC Parliament 232

7.00am Northern Ireland Office Questions **7.30** Prime Minister's Questions **8.05** House of Commons **9.30** Live International Trade Questions **10.30** Live Business Questions **11.15** Live House of Commons **5.30pm** Scottish First Minister's Questions **6.30** Lords Questions **7.10** House of Lords **2.30am** International Trade Questions **3.30** Business Questions **4.15-7.00am** House of Commons

BBC Parliament Freeview 232 Freesat 201 Sky 504 Virgin 605

Food Network 43



Michel Roux: Christmas in Provence 9.00pm
Festive eats

6.00am Santa's Baking Blizzard (HD) **7.00** Cake Wars (HD) **8.00** as 8pm **9.00** as 3pm **10.00** The Pioneer Woman (S) (HD) **10.30** Barefoot Contessa: back to Basics (HD) **11.00** Christmas at River Cottage (S) **11.30** as 4.30pm **12 noon** Jamie's Family Christmas (HD) **1.00pm** Nigel Slater's Simple Christmas (S) (HD) **2.00** as 8pm **3.00** Gordon Ramsay's Ultimate Christmas (S) (HD) **4.00** Christmas at River Cottage (S) **4.30** Jodie Prenger's Christmas Cracker (HD) **5.00** The Pioneer Woman (S) (HD) **5.30** Barefoot Contessa: back to Basics (HD) **6.00** Nigel Slater's Simple Christmas (S) (HD) **7.00** Jamie's Family Christmas (HD) **8.00** James Martin: Home Comforts at Christmas (S) (AD) (HD) **9.00** **TV CHOICE** **New**. Michel Roux: Christmas in Provence **See page 97** (HD) **10.00** Nigel Slater's Simple Christmas (S) (HD) **11.00** **New**. Cake Wars (HD) **12 midnight** Christmas at River Cottage (S) **12.30am** as 4.30pm **1.00** Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives (S) (HD) **2.00-3.00am** Michel Roux's French Country Cooking (S) (AD) (HD)

Food Network Freeview 43 Freesat 148 Sky 140 Virgin 285

Blaze 64

6.00am Hardcore Pawn **7.45** Storm Stories **8.40** Ancient Aliens **10.40** Storage Wars Canada **11.10** Storage Wars **12.10pm** Pawn Stars **2.05** Hardcore Pawn **4.00** Ancient Aliens **6.00** Storm Stories **7.00** Auction Hunters: Pawn Shop Edition **8.00** Dickinson's Real Deal **9.00** Roswell: the First Witness: Ben Smith shares his findings with Major Jesse Marcel's family **10.00** Ancient Aliens: stories of ancestors from the Pleiades star cluster **11.00** Curse of Skinwalker Ranch: as the team continues to dig, the ranch begins to hit back in dangerous ways **12 midnight** The Ghost inside My Child **1.30am** Conspiracy Files: Unsealed **2.00** Auction Hunters: Pawn Shop Edition **3.00** Dickinson's Real Deal **3.45** Storage Wars Canada **4.10-6.00am** Pawn Stars

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Challenge 48

7.00am The Chase **10.00** Supermarket Sweep **11.00** Family Fortunes **12 noon** Wheel of Fortune (AD) **1.00pm** Catchphrase (AD) **2.00** Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? **3.00** Family Fortunes (AD) **4.00** Bruce's Price Is Right (AD) **5.00** Bullseye **6.00** Cash Trapped **7.00** Pointless Celebrities: Alexander Armstrong quizzes eight writers - John O'Farrell, Emma Kennedy, Kathy Lette, Kate Mosse, Benjamin Zephaniah, Roger McGough, Terry Deary and Bryony Gordon **8.00** The Chase: two episodes of the quiz show hosted by Bradley Walsh **10.00** Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?: award-winning quiz show presented by Chris Tarrant **11.00** Bullseye: double bill **12 midnight** The Chase: four editions **4.00am** Scrapheap Challenge **5.00-6.00am** Bullseye: double bill

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CHILDREN'S

Milkshake! on C5

5.30am Fireman Sam **5.50** Pip and Posy **6.00** Peppa Pig **6.10** **New**. The Secret Life of Puppies **6.15** Oggy Oggy **6.25** Blue's Clues & You **6.45** Fireman Sam **6.55** Thomas & Friends **7.10** Peppa Pig **7.30** Paw Patrol **7.50** Milo **8.05** Pip and Posy **8.15** Paddington **8.30** Paw Patrol **8.45** **New**. Daisy & Ollie **8.55** Odo **9.05** Sunny Bunnies **9.10-9.15am** **New**. Let's Go Treasure Seeking!

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CBeebies 202

6.00am Raa Raa the Noisy Lion **6.10** Bing **6.20** Teletubbies **6.35** Tee and Mo **6.40** Tish Tash **6.45** Chuggington **6.55** Bing **7.05** Hey Duggee **7.15** Hey Duggee **7.20** Bluey **7.35** Go Jetters **7.50** Peter Rabbit **8.00** Chuggington **8.25** Hey Duggee **8.30** Alphablocks **8.35** Justin's House **9.00** Bing **9.10** Yakka Dee! **9.15** Messy Goes to OKIDO **9.25** Colourblocks **9.30** Twirlywoos **9.45** Something Special **10.05** Teletubbies **10.20** The Baby Club **10.35** Tiny Wonders **10.40** Hey Duggee **10.45** Roots and Fruits **10.50** Kiri & Lou **11.00** Olga Da Polga **11.10** Let's Go for a Walk **11.25** School of Roars **11.35** Tiny Creatures **11.45** Our Family **12 noon** My World Kitchen **12.10pm** Andy's Adventures **12.25** Waffle the Wonder Dog **12.35** Tee and Mo **12.45** Go Jetters **1.00** Yakka Dee! **1.05** Numberblocks **1.10** Alphablocks **1.15** Dog Loves Books **1.25** Hey Duggee **1.30** Love Monster **1.40** Nick Cope's Popcast **1.45** Something Special **2.05** My Petsaurus **2.05** Teletubbies **2.20** Bluey **2.30** Go Jetters **2.40** My Petsaurus **2.40** Ranger Hamza's Eco Quest **2.55** Grace's Machines **3.10** Swashbuckle **3.35** Hey Duggee **3.40** Teeny Tiny Creatures **4.00** Dog Squad **4.10** Go Jetters **4.20** Bluey **4.35** Supertato **4.45** Spidey and His Amazing Friends **5.00** Octonauts **5.25** Hey Duggee **5.25** Old Jack's Boat **5.45** Moon and Me **6.10** Clangers **6.20** In the Night Garden... **6.50-7.00pm** Bedtime Stories

CBeebies F'view 202 F'sat 608 Sky 608 Virgin 702

CBBC 201

7.00am Shaun the Sheep **7.05** Sketchy Comedy **7.10** Danger Mouse **7.20** Dennis & Gnasher **7.35** Boy Girl Dog Cat Mouse Cheese **7.45** Newsround **7.55** Ninja Express **8.10** Odd Squad **8.20** Do Try This at Home **8.35** Gym Stars **9.00** The Next Step **9.20** Deadly **6** **9.50** Nine Minute Ninja **10.00** Horrible Histories **10.30** Operation Ouch 5!; Our CBBC **11.00** Bitesize Daily **11.20** Wow That's Amazing **11.35** One Zoo Three **11.55** Our School **12.20pm** Dragons **12.40** Boy Girl Dog Cat Mouse Cheese **12.55** Shaun the Sheep **1.00** Malory Towers **1.50** Jamie Johnson **2.20** Nine Minute Ninja **2.30** 4 o'Clock Club: Odd Tubes **3.00** **New**. Clipheads **3.15** **New**. Best in the World **3.35** Dennis & Gnasher **3.45** Danger Mouse **3.55** Boy Girl Dog Cat Mouse Cheese **4.10** Odd Squad **4.25** **New**. Monster Loving Maniacs **4.35** **New**. Dragons **5.00** **New**. We Bare Bears **5.15** Summer Camp Island **5.25** Gangsta Granny **6.35pm-7.00pm** Next Step

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CITV

6.00am Scooby-Doo **6.25** Dare Master **6.30** Thunderbirds **7.00** Mr Magoo **7.30** Lloyd of the Flies **7.45** The Rubbish World of Dave Spud **8.00** Inspector Gadget **8.15** Dorg Van Dango **8.30** Scooby-Doo! **9.50** The Rubbish World of Dave Spud **10.00** Teen Titans Go! **10.30** DC Super Hero Girls **11.00** Mr Bean **11.30** Mr Magoo **12 noon** Mighty Mike **12.35pm** Makeaway Takeaway **1.00** How **1.30** Spy School **1.55** Tata and Kuma **2.00** Robozuna **2.30** Thunderbirds **2.55** Tata and Kuma **3.00** Captain Underpants **3.30** Scooby-Doo! **4.30** Mr Magoo **5.00** Lloyd of the Flies **5.15** The Rubbish World of Dave Spud **5.30** Inspector Gadget **5.45** Dorg Van Dango **6.00** Makeaway Takeaway **6.30** Teen Titans Go! **7.00** Jurassic World Camp Cretaceous **7.30** What's New Scooby-Doo? **8.00** How **8.25** Mr Bean: the Animated Series **8.55-9.00pm** Dare Master @Home

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FILMS

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11.00am Reach for the Sky **★★★★** Stirring biopic about the Second World War pilot Douglas Bader, who overcame the loss of his legs in an accident. (1956, U) (S) (AD) **1.45pm** Carry On Cabbie **★★★** Workaholic cabbie Sid James battles long-suffering rival Hattie Jacques in the best of the black-and-white Carry Ons. (1963, PG) (S) (AD) **3.35** The Man Who Would Be King **★★★★★** Masterly adaptation of the adventure about soldiers who try to bamboozle a remote tribe into accepting their regal credentials. Sean Connery (1975, PG) (S) (AD)

6.15pm The Abyss **★★★** Ed Harris stars as the leader of a deep-sea drilling crew that is contacted by a life form in this sci-fi. **Review, right.** (1989, 15) (S)

9.00 The Italian Job **★★★** Glossy Hollywood remake of the popular 1969 crime caper, in which a master thief plots revenge on a double-crossing associate. Mark Wahlberg (2003, 12) (S)

11.10 Somers Town **★★★** Shane Meadows's black comedy about a teenager who runs away to London. **Review, right.** (2008, 12) (S)

12.35am The Scouting Book for Boys **★★★** This coming-of-age story is by turns endearing and disturbing. Thomas Turgoose (2009, 15) (S)

2.25-4.00am Straightheads **★★** Morbid and exploitative revenge thriller. Gillian Anderson (2007, 18) (S)

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6.00am Honey West TV drama. **6.30** Uncle Silas **★★★** This dated melodrama is distinguished only by a glowing performance from Jean Simmons. (1947) (S) **8.45** Daisy Kenyon **★★★★** Brilliant and daring melodrama starring Joan Crawford as a Manhattan artist torn between married Dana Andrews and war veteran Henry Fonda. (1947) (S) **10.45** Dancing with Crime **★★** Stark crime drama. Richard Attenborough, Sheila Sim (1946, PG) (S) **12.25pm** Don't Take It to Heart **★★★★** Wartime comedy in which developers move in to pilfer the land owned by a lord, only to contend with the manor's helpful ghost. **Review, right.** Richard Greene (1944, U) (S) **2.10** Sailor Beware! **★★** Dated but quickfire comedy. Peggy Mount (1956, U) (S) **3.50** Crash Dive **★★** Submarine adventure. Tyrone Power USMCR, Anne Baxter, Dana Andrews (1943, U)

6.05pm House of Blackmail **★★** A hitch-hiker gets into trouble when he takes a lift from a woman. William Sylvester, Mary Germaine (1953, 12) (S) **7.30** Shelley TV comedy. (S) **8.00** The Saint TV thriller. (S) **9.00** Justice TV legal drama. **10.00** The Rivals of Sherlock Holmes TV mystery. **11.00** Enemy at the Door British TV drama series. (S) **12 midnight** Breakthrough **★** A sorry sequel to Sam Peckinpah's classic war drama Cross of Iron. Richard Burton, Rod Steiger, Robert Mitchum (1978, 15)

1.50am Emperor of the North **★★★★** Tough, Depression-era adventure in which a drifter and his protégé try to outwit a brutal railway guard. Lee Marvin, Ernest Borgnine (1973, 15) **4.20-5.50am** The Limping Man **★★** Implausible British murder mystery. Lloyd Bridges, Moira Lister (1953, PG) (S)

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FILM REVIEWS


FILM OF THE DAY
The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel
★★★★ 9.00-10.55pm BBC4
12

COMEDY DRAMA This feel-good tale sees British pensioners relocate to India for their retirement, lured by the promise of cheap luxury. The establishment of the title (run by ever-optimistic manager Dev Patel) turns out to be a dump, but the colourful location and the pensioners' experiences soon have a transformative effect. The film becomes a tad predictable – Maggie Smith's xenophobia mellows, henpecked Bill Nighy finds himself, Judi Dench (above) is faced with a romantic conundrum – but it's beautifully played by the British stars. **ALAN JONES** (US 2011, swearing, sex references, HD)

Don't Take It to Heart
★★★ 12.25-2.10pm
Talking Pictures TV
U

COMEDY Written and directed by Jeffrey Dell, this haunted-house comedy is a triumph of eccentricity over substance. The plot sees an earl's daughter (Patricia Medina) help a lawyer (Richard Greene) fight a hissable tycoon (Alfred Drayton) who has designs on local land. Richard Bird also stars as a 400-year-old ghost who aids them in their endeavour. **DAVID PARKINSON** (UK 1944, BW)

The Comancheros
★★★★ 1.40-4.00pm 5 Action
PG

WESTERN John Wayne stars here as a Texas Ranger on the trail of a gang of outlaws who are supplying arms and liquor to the Comanches. The film brims with rip-roaring action and unfolds on a huge scale, while the score is one of Elmer Bernstein's very best. It proved a marvellous swansong for director Michael Curtiz (*Casablanca*), who died the following year. **TONY SLOMAN** (US 1961, violence, HD)

The Abyss
★★★ 6.15-9.00pm Film4
15

SCI-FI James Cameron's bloated epic was criticised on release, but it remains a fascinating folly. Ed Harris is

the highlight, but the smart script and a marvellous mood-making score by Roy Budd (of *Get Carter* fame) add volumes to the deliciously dark intrigue.

JEREMY ASPINALL

(UK 1974, violence, swearing)

Somers Town
★★★ 11.10pm-12.35am Film4
12

DRAMA Director Shane Meadows followed up *This Is England* with this blackly comic drama set in the titular area of North West London. Thomas Turgoose stars as Tommo, who befriends a Polish lad (Piotr Jagiello) and starts earning money from a series of eccentric schemes. It's an easy film to like, buoyed by its amiable ensemble of characters.

BRIAN PENDREIGH (UK 2008, violence, swearing, BW, HD)

Speed
★★★★ 11.40pm-1.55am ITV4
15

ACTION Keanu Reeves stars as the LAPD officer who comes to the aid of Sandra Bullock and her fellow bus passengers after crazed extortionist Dennis Hopper primes the vehicle to explode if its speed falls below 50mph. Director Jan De Bont's film delivers pure adrenaline-pumping entertainment that will make you wish your sofa came equipped with seat belts. *Speed 2: Cruise Control* is showing tomorrow. **AJ** (US 1994, violence, swearing, HD)

Sky Cinema picks
King Kong
★★★★ 3.00-6.10pm Sky Action

Fantasy epic from director Peter Jackson. (2005, 12) Sky 306; Virgin 406; BT 506/520

Matilda
★★★★ 6.10-7.50pm Sky Family

Hugely satisfying tale based on Roald Dahl's novel. (1996, PG) Sky 306; Virgin 406; BT 506/520

Sherlock Holmes
★★★★ 8.00-10.15pm Sky Action

Robert Downey Jr plays the sleuth. Followed by the sequel *A Game of Shadows*. (2009, 12) Sky 306; Virgin 406; BT 506/520

The Guilt Trip
★★★ 10.00-11.50pm
Sky Cinema Comedy

Seth Rogen and Barbra Streisand road movie. (2013, 12) Sky 308; Virgin 408; BT 508/522

Films to stream from p36
Netflix, Amazon, Disney+ and more

Sky Premiere

6.50am This Christmas As 6.20pm **8.30 The Batman** ★★★★★ Robert Pattinson stars as the Caped Crusader in this ultra-moody take on DC's iconic crime-fighter. (2022, 15) **11.25 Inbetween Girl** As 11.50pm **1.00pm The Nan Movie** As 8pm **2.40 The Outfit** As 9.50pm **4.30 Prancer: a Christmas Tale** ★★ Warm-hearted drama. (2022) **6.20pm This Christmas** ★★★★★ Feel-good British festive romcom about a pair of commuters who make a connection. Alfred Enoch (2022) **8.00 The Nan Movie** ★ Woeful big-screen road comedy. (2022, 15) **9.50 The Outfit** ★★★★★ Effective 1950s-set crime drama starring Mark Rylance as a tailor who lets local mobsters use his store. (2022, 15) **11.50 Inbetween Girl** ★★★★★ Honest, insightful coming-of-age flick about a girl who starts pursuing a boy. (2021) **1.35am The Phantom of the Open** ★★★★★ Charming comedy drama. Mark Rylance, Rhys Ifans, Sally Hawkins (2021) **3.25 Aisha** ★★★★★ Sincere drama. Letitia Wright (2022, 12) **5.15 The Reef: Stalked** ★★ Horror. Teresa Liane (2022, 15)

Sky Premiere Sky 301 Virgin 401 BT 501/HD 515 +1 Sky 312

Great Movies

9.00am Betrayed by Lies ★★ Convoluted drama. Amy Nuttall, Daniel Lapaine (2018) **11.00 Kill Thy Neighbor** ★★ Melodramatic thriller. Andrea Bogart (2018) **1.00pm Signed, Sealed, Delivered** **3.00 Concrete Evidence: A Fixer Upper Mystery** **4.45 Solar Flare** ★ Disaster thriller. (2008) **6.25pm Godzilla** ★★ Murky, plodding monster horror in which the giant lizard attacks Manhattan. Matthew Broderick, Jean Reno (1997, PG) **9.00 Reign of Fire** ★★ Should-have-been better fantasy in which humans battle dragons that have taken over the world. (2001, 12) **11.05 Immortals** ★★★★★ Fearsome warriors are unleashed to battle Greek gods in this visually spectacular action fantasy. (2011, 15) **1.10am Killerman** ★★★★★ Gritty, good-looking thrill-ride starring Liam Hemsworth as an amnesiac criminal. Emory Cohen (2019, 15) **3.35-5.50am How Do You Know** ★★ Love-triangle romantic comedy. Jack Nicholson, Reese Witherspoon (2010, 12)

Great Movies Freeview 34 Freesat 302 Sky 321 Virgin 425 +1 Freeview 61 (limited 10pm-5am) Sky 322

Great Movies

Christmas **6.00am His and Her Christmas** ★★ Sparky romantic comedy. (2005) **8.00 A Christmas Cruise** ★★ Sickly sweet romantic comedy. (2017) **10.00 A Husband for Christmas** ★★ Comedy drama. (2016) **12 noon A Fairytale Christmas** ★★ Romantic tale. (2013) **2.00pm On the Twelfth Day of Christmas** ★★ Entertaining romantic comedy. (2015) **4.00 Christmas Confessions** ★★ Warm-hearted romance. (2015) **6.00pm Hearts of Christmas** ★★ A woman clashes with her new manager over party plans. (2016) **8.00 A Rose at Christmas** ★★ Saccharine drama. Rachel Boston (2017) **10.00 Christmas Festival of Ice** ★★ Warm-hearted romance. (2017) **12 midnight The Magic Stocking** ★★★★★ Fantasy. (2015) **2.10am Highway to Heaven** **3.00 Christmas Angel** ★★ Entertaining tale. Izabela Vidovic (2012) **4.35-6.00am Beverly Hills Christmas** ★★ Drama. (2015)

Great Movies Christmas F'view 52 (limited) Freesat 303 Sky 319 Virgin 424 +1 F'view 63 (limited 10pm-5am) F'sat 304 Sky 320

TCM Movies

6.00am Hollywood's Best Film Directors **7.10 Off Set** **7.30 The Man from Uncle** **9.45 Westbound** ★★★★★ Decent Civil War western. Randolph Scott, Virginia Mayo (1959, U) **11.15 The Man from Uncle** **1.30pm Murder Ahoy** ★★★★★ Margaret Rutherford's last outing as Agatha Christie's Miss Marple is neatly staged. Lionel Jeffries (1964, U) **3.25 Battle of the Bulge** ★★★★★ Spectacular Second World War epic in which an officer tries to convince his superiors of a possible counter-attack. Henry Fonda (1965, PG) **6.55pm Churchill** ★★★★★ A finely judged look at Winston Churchill's Herculean wartime and marital status. Brian Cox (2016, PG) **9.00 USS Indianapolis: Men of Courage** ★ Shambolic retelling of the naval disaster. Nicolas Cage (2016, 15) **11.40 Halloween III: Season of the Witch** ★★ Ghoulis sci-fi horror. Tom Atkins, Dan O'Herlihy (1982, 15) **1.45am The Utah Kid** ★★ Short, straightforward B-western. (1944, U) **2.45 Off Set: with Ben Miller** **3.00 Close Up** **5.00** Hollywood's Best Film Directors **5.30 Off Set**

TCM Movies Sky 315 Virgin 415/HD 416 +1 Sky 316 Virgin 417

Great Movies

Action **6.00am M*A*S*H** **7.00 Midnight in St Petersburg** ★★ Weak and wooden thriller. Michael Caine, Jason Connery (1995, 15) **8.50 Air Collision** ★★ Ludicrous but watchable action thriller. Reginald VelJohnson (2012) **10.45 The Heroes of WW2** **12 noon M*A*S*H** **1.00pm Cripple Creek** ★★ Solid western. George Montgomery (1952, U) **2.40 Killer Calibre** **32** ★★ Spaghetti western. Peter Lee Lawrence (1967) **4.35 The Blitz on Coventry** **5.40 Submarine Raider** ★★ Rushed wartime propaganda. John Howard (1942, U) **7.05pm Collision Course** ★★ Disaster movie. Tia Carrere (2012) **9.00 Reprisal** ★★ Frank Grillo plays a bank manager who teams up with his ex-cop neighbour to track down an armed robber. (2018, 15) **10.55 The Operative** ★★ Rookie agent Diane Kruger goes under cover in this complex thriller. (2019, 15) **1.15am Hijacked** ★★ *Die Hard*-on-a-plane thriller. Denise Richards (2017, 15) **3.00-4.00am** The Blitz on Berlin

Great Movies Action Freeview 42 (limited) F'sat 305 Sky 323 Virgin 426 +1 Sky 324

Legend

8.00am Walker, Texas Ranger **9.00 Knight Rider** **10.00 Star Trek: the Next Generation** **11.00 Instrument of War** ★★★★★ Stirring true-story wartime drama. Jack Ashton, Elliot James Langridge (2017, 12) **1.00pm Revenge of the Creature** ★★★★★ Enjoyable and genuinely sinister horror sequel. John Agar, Lori Nelson (1955, PG) **2.35 Tales from the Darkside** **3.00 The Philadelphia Experiment** ★★ Enjoyable sci-fi action yarn. Nicholas Lea, Malcolm McDowell (2012, 12) **5.00 Star Trek** **6.00pm Star Trek: the Next Generation** TV sci-fi adventure. **7.00 Knight Rider** TV sci-fi. **8.00 Walker, Texas Ranger** TV western action series. **9.00 Lonesome Dove Church** ★★ Patchy western. Tom Berenger (2014) **10.50 The Internecine Project** ★★★★★ A machiavellian government adviser is out to cover up his past in this thriller. **Review, right.** (1974, 15) **12.35am Hellraiser III: Hell on Earth** ★★★★★ Surprisingly good horror sequel. Terry Farrell (1992, 18) **2.25-4.20am Haunting of Briar House** ★★ Horror thriller. (2015, 15)

Legend F'view 41 F'sat 137 Sky 148 Virgin 149

THURSDAY

Satellite, cable

Sky Showcase



Elf 7.00pm Buddy sets off from the North Pole

6.00am The Early Rundown (HD)
7.00 Kay Burley (HD) **8.00** Hope for Wildlife (S) (HD) **9.00** Nothing to Declare (S) (HD) **10.00** Road Wars (S) **11.00** NCIS: New Orleans (S) (HD) **1.00pm** Hawaii Five-O (S) (HD) **2.00** S.W.A.T. (S) (AD) (HD) **3.00** Extreme Snakes (HD) **4.00** Will & Grace (S) (AD) (HD) **5.00** The Simpsons (S) (HD) **5.30** Futurama (S) (AD)

6.00pm The Simpsons There is a death in Springfield. (S)

7.00 Elf ★★★★★ Seasonal comedy fantasy starring Will Ferrell and James Caan. Santa's helper Buddy embarks on an exciting trip to New York. (S) (W)

9.00 New. Never Mind the Buzzcocks Greg Davies hosts a Christmas edition, with Tom Allen, Claire Richards and Pete Doherty.

10.00 New. The Russell Howard Hour Ep 14 Series 6. A festive edition of the comedy show. (HD)

10.45 A League of Their Own Guests include Eve Muirhead, John Barnes and David Seaman.

11.45 Micky Flanagan's Christmas Festive comedy. (S) (AD)

12.45am An Idiot Abroad (S) (AD)

1.45 Street Crime UK (S) **2.10** UFO (S) (AD) (HD) **3.10** Hawaii Five-O (S) (HD)

4.05 S.W.A.T. (S) (AD) (HD) **5.00–6.00am** The Early Rundown (HD)

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Sky Sci-Fi

6.00am Fact or Faked: Paranormal Files **7.00** The Librarians **8.00** Home Shopping **11.00 V 12 noon** Star Trek: the Next Generation **2.00pm** Warehouse 13 **3.00** The Librarians **4.00** V: Mike and Ham are captured **5.00** Stargate SG-1: Samantha meets a group of powerful Goa'uld rebels

6.00pm Star Trek: the Next Generation 4/26 Series 4. Picard encounters a human child who has been adopted by aliens.

7.00 5/26. Beverly Crusher sees the crew disappear around her, and discovers nobody but her remembers the missing personnel.

8.00 Merlin 3/13 Series 3. Merlin releases a goblin who turns physician Gaius into a practical joker with an eye for making mayhem in the royal household.

9.00 Battle for Pandora ★ **P** Sci-fi adventure starring Tom Sizemore. A spaceship lands on a Saturn moon, only to find it inhabited by humanoid beings.

11.00 Day of the Dead 9/10 The cornered survivors seek any refuge – ultimately taking help from armed strangers.

12 midnight 10/10. Losing many of their own, the remaining survivors prepare for the ultimate showdown with the undead.

1.00am Wynonna Earp **2.00** Stargate SG-1 **3.00 V 4.00–6.00am** Star Trek: the Next Generation

Sky Sci-Fi Sky 139 Virgin 139/HD 138 BT 348/HD 363 **+1** Virgin 229

Sky Atlantic



Souls 10.00pm Jacob claims to remember a past life

6.00am Richard E Grant's Hotel Secrets (S) (AD) (HD) **7.45** Gomorrah (S) (HD) **10.00** True Blood (S) (HD) **1.15pm** True Detective (S) (AD) (HD) **3.30** Gomorrah (S) (HD)

5.45pm The Baby 3/8. Natasha finds herself willing to do anything for Mrs Eaves' help. (S) (AD) (HD)

6.30 I Hate Suzie 5/8. Suzie combines dinner with her producers with Cob's wild night out. (S) (AD) (HD)

7.10 6/8. On the lookout for a career change, Suzie decides to audition for a musical. (S) (AD) (HD)

7.55 Game of Thrones 1/10 Series 2. As Westeros prepares for war, Robb Stark marches south to avenge his father. (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 2/10. Theon is reunited with his father on the Iron Islands. Stannis makes plans for a naval invasion of King's Landing. (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 Souls 1/8. German drama starring Aaron Kissiov. Past, present and future collide when a teenage boy claims to remember a past life as a pilot. (HD)

11.00 2/8. A school project further throws Jacob's sense of self. German +subtitles. **See p97.** (HD)

12 midnight Game of Thrones (S) (AD) (HD) **1.05am** The Great Game (HD) **3.05** Der Pass (S) (HD)

4.00–6.00am Richard E Grant's Hotel Secrets (S) (AD) (HD)

Sky Atlantic Sky 108 (Wales 109) BT 342/HD 357 **+1** Sky 208 (Wales 209)

Sky Witness

6.00am 911 Crisis Centre (HD) **7.00** Border Patrol (S) (HD) **9.00** Road Wars (S) **10.00** Paramedics Australia (HD) **11.00** The Good Doctor (S) (HD) **12 noon** The Rookie (S) (AD) (HD) **1.00pm** FBI (S) (AD) (HD) **2.00** Blue Bloods (S) (AD) (HD) **3.00** Nothing to Declare (S) (HD)

6.00pm New. 911 Crisis Centre The team deals with a robbery in real time and reports from a gruesome accident. (HD)

6.30 New. Charline and Melanie help track down a cat burglar. (HD)

7.00 New. Paramedics Australia Ep9 Series 4. Following the work of Australia's ambulance crews. (HD)

8.00 Blue Bloods 7/20 Series 12 Danny and Baez's attempts to find who assaulted a shop owner are hindered. (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 New. FBI 22/22 Series 4 The investigation into a deadly robbery points the team in a shocking direction. (HD)

10.00 New. FBI: International 21/21. A private jet carrying American citizens is shot down over Europe. (HD)

11.00 Blue Bloods 4/20 Series 12. Jamie faces backlash from fellow officers. (S) (AD) (HD)

12 midnight 9-1-1 (S) (HD) **1.00am** FBI: Most Wanted: the team tracks down a con artist turned murderer (HD) **2.00** The Rookie (S) (AD) (HD) **3.00** Road Wars (S) **5.00–6.00am** Brit Cops: Frontline Crime UK (S)

Sky Witness Sky 107 Virgin 112/HD 111 BT 341/HD 356 **+1** Sky 207 Virgin 220

Sky Max



Rob and Romesh vs Restaurants 8.00pm

6.00am Stop, Search, Seize (S) (HD) **8.00** DC's Legends of Tomorrow (S) (AD) (HD) **9.00** The Blacklist (S) (AD) (HD) **10.00** Road Wars (S) (AD) **11.00** NCIS: New Orleans (S) (HD) **1.00pm** Hawaii Five-O (S) (HD) **2.00** S.W.A.T. (S) (AD) (HD) **3.00** The Blacklist (S) (AD) (HD) **4.00** DC's Legends of Tomorrow (S) (AD) (HD) **5.00** Dating No Filter (S) (AD) (HD)

6.00pm NCIS: New Orleans 5/24 Series 2. Pride clashes with the Royal Australian Navy. (S) (HD) **7.00 6/24.** A petty officer's death is linked to a new drug. (S) (HD)

8.00 Rob and Romesh vs Restaurants: Second Course Ep 4 Series 4. The comedians open a hip-hop curry house. (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 New. Never Mind the Buzzcocks With Claire Richards, Tom Allen and Pete Doherty. (HD)

10.00 New. The Russell Howard Hour Ep 14 Series 6. Comedy. (HD)

10.45 A League of Their Own Romesh Ranganathan hosts. (HD)

11.45 New. Micah Richards's Player Pranks 3/4. Hidden camera comedy show. (HD)

12.15am Street Crime UK: triple bill (S) (HD) **1.50** We're Here (HD)

3.00 Hawaii Five-O (S) (HD) **4.00** S.W.A.T. (S) (AD) (HD) **5.00–6.00am** Highway Patrol: double bill (S) (AD)

Sky Max Sky 113 (Wales 114) Virgin 122/HD 121 BT 346/HD 361

Sky Replay

7.00am Sixth Sense with Colin Fry (S) **8.00** Four Weddings (S) (AD) **10.00** The Force: Manchester (S) (HD) **11.00** Highway Cops (S) (HD) **12 noon** Police Ten 7 (S) (HD) **1.00pm** Road Wars (S) (HD) **2.00** Stargate SG-1 (S) (HD) **4.00** Alphas (S) **6.00** Most Haunted: double bill (S) **8.00** Road Wars: dog handler Darryl gets a nasty surprise (S) (HD) **9.00** Temple: Beth's recovery is tainted by suspicion (S) (AD) (HD) **10.00** Night Cops: officers deal with a reckless driver (S) (AD) (HD) **11.00** Never Mind the Buzzcocks (HD) **12 midnight** The Russell Howard Hour (HD) **12.45am** Micah Richards's Player Pranks (HD) **1.15** Police Ten 7: double bill (S) (HD) **2.15** A League of Their Own (S) (AD) (HD) **3.10** Duck Quacks Don't Echo (S) (AD) (HD) **4.05** Four Weddings (S) (AD) (HD) **5.00–6.00am** Sixth Sense with Colin Fry: double bill (S)

Sky Replay Sky 152 Virgin 180

Sky Crime

6.00am Highway Patrol (S) (HD) **7.00** Motorway Patrol (S) **8.00** Highway Cops (S) (AD) (HD) **9.00** Nothing to Declare (S) (HD) **10.00** Brit Cops: Rapid Response (S) (AD) (HD) **11.00** Road Wars (S) **12 noon** The Force: Manchester (S) (HD) **1.00pm** Murders That Shocked the Nation (S) (HD) **2.00** The Real Manhunter: the Murder of Clare Bernal (S) (HD) **3.00** Most Evil Killers (S) (HD) **5.00** Murdered at First Sight (S) (AD) (HD) **6.00** Killer in My Village (S) (HD) **7.00** Most Evil Killers (S) (HD) **9.00 New.** Forensics: Catching the Killer (HD) **10.00** How I Caught the Killer (S) (AD) (HD) **11.00** Most Evil Killers (S) (HD) **1.00am** The Real Manhunter: the Murder of Clare Bernal (S) (HD) **2.00** as 10pm **3.00** as 1pm **4.00** as 10am **5.00–6.00am** Motorway Patrol (S) (AD)

Sky Crime Sky 122 Virgin 137/HD 136 BT 349/HD 364 **+1** Sky 222 Virgin 221

Gold



The Royle Family: the Golden Egg Cup 9.40pm

7.15am The Two Ronnies (S) **8.40** Citizen Khan (S) (AD) (HD) **9.15** Still Open All Hours (S) (HD) **9.55** Last of the Summer Wine (S) **11.15** Only Fools and Horses (S) (AD) **11.55** Keeping up Appearances (S) **1.50pm** Citizen Khan (S) (AD) (HD) **2.30** Only Fools and Horses (S) (AD) **4.35** Dad's Army (S) **5.55** Only Fools and Horses: Del visits the dentist (S) (AD)

7.40pm Dad's Army The vicar holds a fundraising bazaar. (S) **8.20** Captain Mainwaring organises a Christmas treat. (S)

9.00 Mrs Brown's Boys The doting mother's wish to have a safe Christmas at home is frustrated at every turn. (S) (HD)

9.40 The Royle Family: the Golden Egg Cup Jim and Barbara argue over what to do with a cash windfall. (S) (AD) (HD)

11.00 Absolutely Fabulous Special: Ab Fab @ 20 Edina finds out if she's still got what it takes, but will a client destroy her relationship with Saffy? (S) (AD) (HD)

11.40 Mrs Brown's Boys Agnes is wooed by a stranger. (S) (HD)

12.20am Peep Show: double bill (S) **1.30** The Royle Family: the Golden Egg Cup (S) (AD) (HD) **2.50** Mrs Brown's Boys (S) (HD) **3.20–4.00am** Absolutely Fabulous Special: Ab Fab @ 20 (S) (AD) (HD)

Gold Sky 110 (Wales 111) Virgin 124 BT 344/HD 359 **+1** Sky 210 (Wales 211) Virgin 194

Sky Comedy

8.00am Will & Grace (S) (AD) (HD) **10.00** Entourage (S) (HD) **11.30** The Comeback (S) **12.45pm** Eastbound & Down (HD) **2.30** The Office US (S) (HD) **3.00** Will & Grace (S) (AD) (HD) **5.00** The Office US (S) (HD) **5.30** Futurama (S) (AD) (HD) **6.30** Will & Grace (S) (AD) (HD) **7.30** The Office US: triple bill. Andy plans to impress Erin by starring in a play **8.00** Michael gets in touch with his former lovers **8.30** Michael, Dwight and Jim spy on a rival salesman (S) (HD) **9.00** Sort Of (HD) **10.00** The Righteous Gemstones (S) (HD) **10.45** Avenue 5 (HD) **12 midnight** The Late Late Show with James Corden (HD) **1.00am New.** The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon (HD) **2.00 New.** Young Rock (HD) **2.30** Code 404 (S) (AD) (HD) **3.00** Silicon Valley (S) (HD) **4.05–5.00am** Will & Grace (S) (AD) (HD)

Sky Comedy Sky 114 (Wales 115) Virgin 135/HD 123 BT 347/HD 362

Comedy Central

8.00am My Wife and Kids (S) (HD) **9.00** The Middle (S) (AD) (HD) **10.00** Last Man Standing (S) (HD) **12 noon** Friends (S) (AD) (HD) **9.00pm** The Ricky Gervais Show (S) (HD) **10.00** Ugly Americans: double bill. Mark and the team try to rehabilitate a troll, then Manbirds begin breeding in New York (HD) **11.00 New.** Fugget about It: double bill. Petey becomes a junior police trainee, then Jimmy discovers a consultant on a film is posing as Cheech Falcone **12 midnight** South Park (S) (HD) **2.00am** The Ren & Stimpy Show: double bill (S) **3.00** Bob's Burgers (S) (HD) **3.20 New.** The Daily Show **3.55** Last Man Standing (S) (HD) **4.15–5.00am** Friends (S) (AD) (HD)

Comedy Central Sky 112 (Wales 113) Virgin 181/HD 132 BT 345/HD 360 **+1** Sky 212 (Wales 213) Virgin 133

Alibi



Pretty Hard Cases 9.00pm Sam and Kelly get personal

7.10am Murdoch Mysteries (S) (HD) **9.00** Hudson & Rex (S) (AD) (HD) **10.00** Unforgettable (S) (HD) **11.00** The Coroner (S) (AD) (HD) **12 noon** WPC 56 (S) (AD) (HD) **1.00pm** Father Brown (S) (AD) (HD) **2.00** Murdoch Mysteries (S) (HD) **4.00** Hudson & Rex (S) (AD) (HD) **5.00** Unforgettable (S) (HD)

6.00pm Without a Trace 9/23 Series 1. A medical intern disappears and is suspected of links to terrorism. (HD)

7.00 The Coroner 9/10 Series 2 Jane tries to discover why a faceless man has washed up on the beach. (S) (AD) (HD)

8.00 CSI: Vegas 1/10 Series 1 An attack on Jim Brass kicks off a twisted conspiracy targeting the Las Vegas crime lab. (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 New. Pretty Hard Cases 11/12 Series 2. Sam and Kelly's mission to find the corrupt cop becomes personal. (AD) (HD)

10.00 My Life Is Murder 6/10 Series 1. A young man is found dead in an alley after a fight at his brother's wedding. (S) (HD)

11.00 Without a Trace As 6pm. **12 midnight** Hudson & Rex (S) (AD) (HD) **1.00am** CSI: Vegas (S) (AD) (HD)

2.00 WPC 56 (S) (AD) (HD) **3.00–4.00am** The Coroner (S) (AD) (HD)

Alibi Sky 109 (Wales 110) Virgin 126 BT 343/HD 358 **+1** Sky 209 (Wales 210) Virgin 191

Discovery

6.00am Wheeler Dealers (S) (HD) **7.00** Deadliest Catch (S) (HD) **8.00** Treehouse Masters (S) (HD) **9.00** Building Off the Grid (S) (AD) (HD) **10.00** Alaska: Homestead Rescue (S) (HD) **11.00** Wheeler Dealers (S) (HD) **12 noon** Outback Truckers (S) (HD) **1.00pm** Gold Rush: White Water (S) (HD) **2.00** Lone Star Law (S) (HD) **3.00** Alaskan Bush People (S) (HD) **4.00** Alaska: the Last Frontier (S) (HD) **5.00** Wheeler Dealers (S) (AD) (HD) **6.00** Garage Rehab (S) (HD) **7.00** Diesel Brothers (S) (HD) **8.00** Outback Truckers (S) (AD) (HD) **9.00** Alaska: the Last Frontier (HD) **10.00** Alaskan Bush People (HD) **11.00** Naked and Afraid (S) (HD) **12 midnight** Expedition X (S) (HD) **1.00am** Alaska: the Last Frontier (HD) **2.00** Alaskan Bush People (HD) **4.00–5.00am** Wheeler Dealers (S) (HD)

Discovery Sky 125 Virgin 250 BT 320/HD 325 **+1** Sky 225 Virgin 258

Discovery History

6.00am Expedition Unknown **7.00** Mysteries of the Missing (S) **8.00** Wings of War **9.00** Combat Dealers (S) **10.00** Mysteries at the Castle **11.00** Mysteries of the Missing (S) **12 noon** NASA's Unexplained Files (S) **1.00pm** Expedition Unknown (S) **2.00** Greatest Events of World War II (S) **3.00** Blowing Up History (S) **4.00** Mysteries at the Castle **5.00** Wings of War **6.00** How the Universe Works (S) **7.00** Expedition Unknown (S) **8.00** Combat Dealers (S) **9.00** Mysteries of the Deep: the Battle of Actium **10.00** How the Universe Works (S) **11.00** Blowing Up History (S) **12 midnight** NASA's Unexplained Files (S) **1.00am** Combat Dealers (S) **2.00** Mysteries of the Deep **3.00–5.00am** Blowing Up History: double bill (S)

Discovery History Sky 177 Virgin 257 **+1** Sky 277 Virgin 261

Sky Documentaries



Rolling Stone: Stories from the Edge 8.00pm Janet Reitman

6.00am The Guest Wing (S) (AD) (HD) **7.00** Discovering: Glenn Close (S) (HD) **8.00** The Directors (S) (HD) **9.00** Rolling Stone: Stories from the Edge (S) (AD) (HD) **10.00** The Vietnam War (S) (HD) **11.10** The Nineties (S) (HD) **12 noon FILM** Drew: the Man behind the Poster ★★★ (S) (W) (HD) **2.00pm** Michael X: Hustler, Revolutionary, Outlaw (S) (HD) **4.00** Discovering: Glenn Close (S) (HD) **5.00** The Directors (S) (HD)

6.00pm The Vietnam War Nixon announces Hanoi has agreed to a peace deal. (S) (HD)

7.10 The Nineties Music from the decade, including Nirvana, Tupac Shakur and Alanis Morissette. (S) (HD)

8.00 Rolling Stone: Stories from the Edge Examining the rise of Donald Trump's America and the magazine's relationship with musician Bob Dylan. (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 Pelosi in the House A portrait of Nancy Pelosi, the first female Speaker of the United States House of Representatives. (HD)

11.10 Lennox: the Untold Story The story of heavyweight boxer Lennox Lewis. (S) (AD) (HD)

1.10am Look Away (S) (AD) (HD) **3.00 FILM** The Capote Tapes ★★★ Charting the life and work of novelist Truman Capote (S) (W) (HD) **5.00–6.00am** The Nineties (S) (HD)

Sky Documentaries Sky 121 Virgin 278/HD 277 BT 352/HD 367

Nat Geographic

8.00am Lost Treasures of Egypt (S) (AD) (HD) **9.00** Drain the Oceans (S) (AD) (HD) **10.00** Air Crash Investigation (S) (AD) (HD) **11.00** Car SOS (S) (HD) **12 noon** Unknown Waters with Jeremy Wade (S) (AD) (HD) **1.00pm** Wicked Tuna: North v South (S) (HD) **2.00** Ultimate Airport Dubai (S) (HD) **3.00** Skeletons of the Inca Rebellion (HD) **4.00** Lost Tombs of the Pyramids (HD) **5.00** Seconds from Disaster (S) (HD) **6.00** Family Guns (S) (AD) (HD) **7.00** Air Crash Investigation (S) (AD) (HD) **8.00 New.** Ice Road Rescue: Highway Havoc (HD) **9.00** Wicked Tuna: Outer Banks Showdown (HD) **10.00** Air Crash Investigation (S) (HD) **12 midnight** Car SOS (S) (AD) (HD) **1.00am** Wicked Tuna (S) (AD) (HD) **2.00** Alaska: the Next Generation (S) (HD) **3.00** Ice Road Rescue (HD) **4.00–5.00am** Air Crash Investigation: Special Report (S) (HD)

Nat Geographic Sky 129 Virgin 266/HD 268 +1 Sky 229 Virgin 267

Sky History

6.00am American Pickers (HD) **7.00** Forged in Fire (HD) **8.00** Storage Wars (HD) **9.00** Cracking the Code (HD) **10.00** Pawn Stars (HD) **11.00** Salvage Kings **12 noon** American Pickers (HD) **1.00pm** Storage Wars (HD) **2.00** Cracking the Code (HD) **3.00** Pawn Stars (HD) **4.00** Mountain Men (HD) **5.30** Vintage Tech Hunters (HD) **6.00pm** American Pickers (HD) **7.00** Forged in Fire (HD) **8.00** Alexander the Great (HD) **9.00 New.** History of Weapons (HD) **10.00 New.** Alone: Frozen (HD) **11.00** Deadliest Warrior (HD) **12 midnight** Vikings (HD) **1.00am** Alexander the Great (HD) **2.00** Forged in Fire (HD) **3.00** Deadliest Warrior (HD) **4.00** Pawn Stars: double bill (HD) **5.00–6.00am** Cracking the Code (HD)

Sky History Sky 123 Virgin 270 BT 353/HD 368 +1 Sky 223 Virgin 271

Sky Nature



Hotspots: the Last Hope 8.00pm A Costa Rican puma

6.00am Wild Dogs: Running with the Pack (S) (HD) **7.00** Monkey Life (S) (HD) **8.00** Hope for Wildlife (S) (HD) **9.00** Extreme Snakes (HD) **10.00** Wild Kingdoms (S) (AD) (HD) **11.00** Animals Decoded (S) (AD) (HD) **12 noon** Into the Wild: Colombia (S) (HD) **1.00pm** Monkey Life (S) (HD) **2.00** Brazil Untamed (S) (HD) **3.00** Extreme Snakes (HD) **4.00** Hope for Wildlife (S) (HD) **5.00** Animals Decoded (S) (AD) (HD)

6.00pm Into the Wild: Colombia A cotton-top tamarin leaves her birth family in search of a mate. (S) (HD)

7.00 Monkey Life Orangutan Hsiao-Lan has a pregnancy test. (S) (HD) **7.30** Woolly monkey Diego has a delicate operation. (S) (HD)

8.00 Hotspots: the Last Hope The creatures of Costa Rica, home to at least 225 bird species. (S) (HD)

9.00 Over Australia Aerial footage of Australia's Great Dividing Range. (S) (HD)

10.00 Animals Decoded The remarkable ways that animals speak to one another. (S) (AD) (HD)

11.00 Into the Wild: Colombia As 6pm.

12 midnight Wild Pacific Rescue (S) (HD) **1.00am** Monkey Life (HD) **2.00** as 8pm **3.00** as 9pm **4.00** Brazil Untamed (S) (HD) **5.00–6.00am** Wild Kingdoms (S) (AD) (HD)

Sky Nature Sky 124 Virgin 280/HD 279 BT 354/HD 369

Eden

9.00am Inside the Vets (HD) **10.00** India's New Worlds (HD) **11.00** David Attenborough's Natural Curiosities (AD) (HD) **12 noon** Forbidden History (AD) (HD) **2.00pm** Inside the Vets (HD) **3.00** Africa from Above (HD) **5.00** India's New Worlds (HD) **6.00** David Attenborough's Natural Curiosities (AD) (HD) **7.00** Forbidden History (AD) (HD) **8.00** Inside the Vets: a tortoise faces losing a leg (HD) **9.00** Africa from Above (HD) **10.00** David Attenborough's Natural Curiosities: two editions (AD) (HD) **11.00** India's New Worlds (HD) **12 midnight** Forbidden History (AD) (HD) **1.00am** Inside the Vets (HD) **2.00** India's New Worlds (HD) **3.00** David Attenborough's Natural Curiosities (AD) (HD) **3.50** Africa from Above (HD) **4.40** Inside the Vets (HD) **5.30–6.00am** Collar of Duty (HD)

Eden Sky 166 Virgin HD 245 +1 Sky 266 Virgin 246

Animal Planet

8.00am Tanked (S) (HD) **9.00** Pit Bulls and Parolees (S) (HD) **10.00** My Cat from Hell (S) (AD) (HD) **11.00** Animal Cops Philadelphia (S) (AD) (HD) **12 noon** Tanked (S) (HD) **1.00pm** Pit Bulls and Parolees (S) (HD) **2.00** Cold Blooded Peruvian Predator: Expedition Mungo (S) (HD) **3.00** South American Squatch of Argentina: Expedition Mungo (S) (HD) **4.00** My Cat from Hell (S) (AD) (HD) **5.00** Animal Cops Philadelphia (S) (AD) (HD) **6.00** Tanked (S) (HD) **7.00** Pit Bulls and Parolees (S) (HD) **8.00** Meet the Orangutans (S) (HD) **9.00** Meet the Penguins (S) (HD) **10.00** Edge of Alaska (S) (HD) **11.00** How Sharks Hunt (S) (AD) (HD) **12 midnight** Sharktacular 2016 (HD) **1.00am** Alaska Monsters (S) (HD) **2.00** as 4pm **3.00** as 5pm (HD) **4.00–5.00am** Tanked (S) (HD)

Animal Planet Sky 162 (NI 178) Virgin 251 +1 Sky 262 (NI 278) Virgin 259

SPORT

Sky Main Event

Sky 401 Virgin 511/HD 501 BT 420/HD 440

6.00am World Cup Report
7.00 World Cup Breakfast
8.30 LIVE European Tour Golf The first round of the Mauritius Open from Mont Choisy Le Golf.
1.30pm World Cup Report
6.00 LIVE World Darts Championship The opening day from Alexandra Palace, London.
8.00 LIVE Scottish Premiership Football Rangers v Hibernian at Ibrox Stadium (kick-off **8.00**).
10.00 LIVE World Darts Championship Day one continues.
11.00 World Cup Report
12 midnight LIVE NFL Seattle Seahawks v San Francisco 49ers at Lumen Field (kick-off **1.15am**).
4.30–5.30am World Cup Report

Sky Football

Sky 403 Virgin 513/HD 503 BT 422/HD 442

6.00am Classic Play-Off Finals
9.00 Scottish Goals of the Season
9.30 EFL Greatest Games (AD)
10.00 Retro League One: double bill
2.45pm EFL Greatest Games (AD)
3.00 Retro League One **5.00** EFL Greatest Games (AD) **5.30** Women's Football Weekly **6.00** League One and Two Goals **6.30** Inside the WSL
7.00 LIVE Scottish Premiership Football Rangers v Hibernian at Ibrox Stadium (kick-off **8.00**).
10.30 Greatest Games **11.30** German Football **12.30am** Inside the WSL **1.00** Scottish Premiership Highlights **2.30** Best SPFL Goals (AD) **3.00** Old Firm Derby Best Goals (AD) **3.30** Edinburgh Derby Best Goals (AD) **4.00** Scottish Goals of the Season **5.30–6.00am** Scottish Premiership Highlights

Sky Golf

Sky 405 Virgin 515/HD 505 BT 424/HD 444

6.00am PGA Tour Golf **7.00** Chronicles (AD) **7.30** Legends Tour
8.30 LIVE European Tour Golf The first round of the Mauritius Open from Mont Choisy Le Golf.
1.30pm Legends Tour Golf **2.30** Chronicles **3.00** PGA Championship Official Film 2020 (AD) **4.00** Legends Tour Golf **5.00** European Tour Golf
6.00 PGA Tour Golf **9.00** European Tour Golf **10.00** US Open Official Films **11.00** European Tour Golf
12 midnight Legends Tour Golf
1.00am European Tour Golf **4.00** Players Championship Official Film (AD) **5.00–6.00am** Chronicles (AD)

Eurosport 1

Sky 410 Virgin 521 BT 412/HD 435

6.00am Snooker **8.00** Tennis **9.00** Cyclo-Cross **10.00** Olympic Games
10.30 Snooker 147s **10.45** Snooker
12.45pm LIVE Snooker Day four of the English Open at Brentwood Centre, featuring the third round.
5.00 Cyclo-Cross **6.00** Snooker
6.45 LIVE Snooker Day four of the English Open at Brentwood Centre, featuring the fourth round.
11.00 Snooker **1.00am** Snowboarding
2.00 Snooker **4.00** Freestyle Skiing
5.00–6.00am Snowboarding

Eurosport 2

Sky 411 Virgin 522 BT 413/HD 436

6.00am Alpine Skiing **8.00** Snooker: English Open **10.00** Freestyle Skiing
10.20 Snowboarding: World Cup
11.20 LIVE Snowboarding The World Cup from Carezza, Italy.
1.00pm Motor Racing **2.00** Ski Jumping **4.00** Motor Racing **5.00** Motorcycling **6.00** Snowboarding
7.00 Freestyle Skiing **8.00** Olympics
9.00 Cycling **10.00** Snowboarding
11.00 Freestyle Skiing **12 midnight** World Superbikes **2.00am** Cycling
4.00–6.00am Snooker



World Darts 6.00pm

Sky Darts Peter Wright aims for a third victory at Ally Pally

Sky Premier League

Sky 402 Virgin 512/HD 502 BT 421/HD 441

6.00am Premier League Greatest Games **7.00** World Cup Breakfast
10.00 World Cup Report **12 noon** Soccerbox **1.00pm** Premier League Years (AD) **3.00** Greatest Games
4.00 Best Goals **5.00** 100 Club
6.00 World Cup Report **7.00** Premier League Stories **7.30** Premier League 100 Club (AD) **8.00** Gary Neville's Soccerbox **9.00** World Cup Report
11.00 Class of 92: Full Time
12 midnight Premier League Retro
2.00am Premier League Years **4.00** Best Goals **5.30–6.00am** 100 Club

Sky Cricket

Sky 404 Virgin 514/HD 504 BT 423/HD 443

6.00am Best of the Big Bash
6.45 Big Bash League Cricket
7.45 LIVE Big Bash League Cricket Brisbane Heat v Melbourne Renegades at Cazalys Stadium.
11.45 The Best of the Big Bash
12 noon Talking Cricket (AD)
1.00pm Big Bash League Cricket
6.00 Test Highlights **8.00** Big Bash League Cricket **9.00** Test Highlights
11.00 Big Bash League Cricket
4.00am Talking Cricket (AD)
5.00–5.30am Best of England (AD)

Sky NFL

Sky 407 Virgin 517/HD 507 BT 426/HD 446

6.00am NFL: America's Game (AD)
7.00 NFL Highlights **9.00** Jaguars Weekly UK **9.30** One Jets Drive
10.00 NFL Highlights **11.00** Bitesize
12 noon Good Morning Football
3.00pm Jaguars Weekly UK **3.30** One Jets Drive **5.00** NFL Bitesize
6.00 Pro-Football Talk **8.00** NFL Gameday **8.30** Her Huddle **9.00** NFL: America's Game **10.00** NFL Fantasy
11.00 NFL Gameday **11.30** Bitesize
12 midnight LIVE NFL Seattle Seahawks v San Francisco 49ers at Lumen Field (kick-off **1.15am**).
4.30am NFL Gameday
5.00–6.00am NFL Highlights

Sky Darts

Sky 408 Virgin 518/HD 508 BT 427/HD 447

6.00am Darts Gold
6.45 World Darts Championship: the finals from 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022
6.00pm LIVE World Darts Championship Day one from Alexandra Palace, featuring three first-round matches and one second-round match.
11.00 Darts Gold **1.00–6.00am** World Darts Championship

DAZN

5.45pm LIVE Women's Champions League Football Juventus v FC Zürich from Juventus Stadium (kick-off **5.45**);
8.00 Arsenal v Lyon from Emirates Stadium (kick-off **8.00**).

BT Sport 1

Sky 413 Virgin 527 BT 408/HD 430

6.00am ESPN FC **6.30** BT Sport Reload (AD) **6.45** Australian Football
7.15 Wrestling: WWE **9.00** ESPN FC
9.30 Australian Football **10.00** Badminton (AD) **10.30** Test Cricket
12.30pm International One-Day Cricket **1.30pm** International T20 Cricket: West Indies v England, a women's match **2.30** EuroCup Basketball **3.30** Pro League Hockey
5.30 Premier League Stories (AD)
6.00 ESPN FC **6.30** ESPN FC Presents: Gab & Juls **7.00** BT Sport Films: Two Tribes (AD) **8.30** The Beautiful Game: Team Ronaldinho take on Team Roberto Carlos in a celebrity football match
10.00 LIVE Pro League Hockey Argentina v Great Britain, the women's match in Santiago del Estero, Argentina (push-back **10.10**).
12 midnight BT Sport Reload (AD)
12.30am LIVE Pro League Hockey Argentina v Great Britain, the men's match in Santiago del Estero, Argentina (push-back **12.40**).
2.30 Motor Racing **4.30** MLB Classic
5.30–6.00am Australian Football

BT Sport 2

Sky 414 Virgin 528 BT 409/HD 431

6.00am Fishing: on the Bank (AD)
7.00 The Rugby's On: debate (AD)
8.00 Champions Cup Rugby Union: highlights **9.00** Futsal **11.00** Motor Racing: V8 Supercars from Adelaide
1.00pm French Football: Ligue 1 highlights **1.30** ESPN FC **2.00** MLB Classic: a review of the 2022 World Series **3.00** Champions Cup Rugby Union: highlights **4.00** The Rugby's On (AD) **5.00** Wrestling: WWE action
10.00 UFC Fight Camp **10.30** ESPN FC Presents: Gab & Juls: analysis and debate **11.00** The Rugby's On (AD)
12 midnight LIVE Volleyball A women's US college game;
2.30am Coverage of the night's second women's college game.
4.30 The Big Match Revisited: from 1974/75 (AD) **5.30–6.00am** ESPN FC Presents: Gab & Juls

BT Sport 3

Sky 417 Virgin 529 BT 410/HD 432

6.00am Italian Football: highlights of five Serie A matches from 2022/23
11.00 Australian Football: A-League highlights **11.30** BT Sport Reload (AD)
12 noon The Rugby's On (AD) **1.00pm** MotoGP: Grand Prix of Valencia **5.00** Champions League Goals Show Retro
6.00 International T20 Cricket: West Indies v England, the second women's match **7.00** Australian Football **7.30** Pro League Hockey: Argentina v Netherlands, the women's and men's matches **9.30** Test Cricket Highlights: Australia v West Indies, the second Test from the Adelaide Oval **11.30** EuroCup Basketball: Turk Telekom v London Lions from Ankara
12.30am UFC Fight Camp **1.00** UFC: the Walk **1.30** UFC Fight Flashback (AD) **2.30** Australian Football **3.00** Poker (AD) **5.00–6.00am** Surfing

BT Sport 4

Sky 423 Virgin 530 BT 411/HD 434

6.00am SportsCenter **6.15** Around the Horn: debate **6.45** Pardon the Interruption **7.15** SportsCenter **7.30** ESPN FC **8.00** Volleyball: double bill
12 noon ESPN FC: debate **12.30pm** SportsCenter **12.45** Around the Horn **1.15** Pardon the Interruption **1.45** SportsCenter **2.00** Volleyball **4.00** Tennis: women's SEC Championship
6.00 Around the Horn **6.30** Pardon the Interruption **7.00** SportsCenter **7.15** ESPN FC Presents: Gab & Juls **7.45** Basketball: Florida Gators v Ohio Bobcats **9.30** Basketball: Louisville Cardinals v Western Kentucky Hilltoppers **11.15** SportsCenter **11.30** US Soccer: men's NCAA Championship
5.30–6.00am BT Sport Reload (AD)

Friday

DRAMA Shakespeare and Hathaway

2.15pm **BBC1** Catch up via iPlayer

Hathaway without Shakespeare? Unthinkable! It's like Phil without Holly. Or, to pick a more appropriate comparison, Scooby-Doo without Shaggy. But Luella (Jo Joyner) has got her hangdog PI partner Frank (Mark Benton) worried because she has booked a one-way plane ticket to Florida. Might this be the end of a both a beautiful friendship and this playful daytime detective drama (which I'm sure many sneak off to watch when they ought to be working)?

Providing an answer would, of course, ruin the fun of this early Christmas present, which also finds the pair looking into the sabotaging of a Wintermas festival. The event has been organised by council leader Elaine Davis (Angela Lonsdale), who is seen trading verbal Jackie Weaver-style blows with disgruntled colleagues on a video call. But which of them could be targeting her?

To be frank, the political infighting isn't exactly high-octane fare, but *S&H* fans don't expect tension with its teeth gritted. Instead, this special stays true to form, providing 45 minutes of gentle crime-solving with a sprinkling of seasonal whimsy on top. **DAVID BROWN**

**CRISIS AT
CHRISTMAS**
Shakespeare
and Hathaway
(Jo Joyner and
Mark Benton)
must solve a
seasonal mystery

DRAMA Granite Harbour

8.00pm **BBC1**
Catch up via iPlayer

We all know the rule: the grander the guest star in a crime drama, the more likely they are to be the murderer.

Now, *Granite Harbour* may not be bursting with A-listers, but Gary Lewis (forever *Billy Elliot*'s dad) is in there, and he certainly has the highest profile. So, as we enter the final hour, he remains the key person of interest.

But before we reach that big reveal, why not play a fun game of Spot the Police Show Cliché? I counted one officer "going rogue", another being told that if they walk away now, they shouldn't bother coming back, as well as the cry of "bingo" following the discovery of pivotal evidence. **DBr**

MUSIC Fleetwood Mac Night

from 9.00pm **BBC4**
Catch up via iPlayer

"Yesterday's gone... yesterday's gone" go the lyrics to one of Fleetwood Mac's hits from 1977. That doesn't stop the band reflecting on the past in *Don't Stop* (9pm), a documentary covering all their legendary break-ups, fist fights, hellraising and indulgences, as well as their bluesy beginnings. Edith Bowman's film at 11.45pm, however, is more of a celebration of the rock icons, with fellow fans paying tribute to the band who have sold more than 100 million records worldwide.

Sandwiched in between them (at 10pm) is footage of a 1997 concert featuring all their best-loved tracks including *Rhiannon*, *The Chain* and *Go Your Own Way*.

JANE RACKHAM

DOCUMENTARY Comedy Classics: Porridge

9.00pm **Channel 5** Catch up via My5

In sitcom terms it's always fun to spend time at His Majesty's pleasure, so that we can once again try counting how many shiny grey bricks there are in a cell. (According to Heslop there are over 37.) And there's something about this time of year that turns our thoughts to *Porridge*. Christmas is, after all, a time for Slade.

It's hard to know what new material there could be to mine about Fletch and co – Gold's three-parter *Inside Out* in 2014 covered the show fairly comprehensively. But Channel 5 promises insight from the series' revered writers Dick Clement and Ian La Frenais – always good company – plus a look at the film and US versions and the reboot starring Kevin Bishop. **MARK BRAXTON**

QUIZ Q1

10.00pm **BBC2** Catch up via iPlayer

This week the buzzer noises – for sweet-related songs – are so catchy that it gets the entire audience happily singing along, so Sandi Toksvig suggests they should just do karaoke rather than bother with answering questions.

However, they decide not to break with tradition and the panellists – thanks to the sharp-as-a-tack Ria Lina – get off to such a roaring start that Jimmy Carr reckons they'll be out of there in a record 20 minutes. That's unlikely, though, because Alan Davies goes off on one of his lengthy comedy rants, this time about *trompe l'oeil*...

It's a sparkling edition with an entertaining new medical-based round catchily entitled "What's the treatment, Sandi?" **JR**

ALSO ON TODAY

Gangsta Granny Strikes Again

5.30pm **CBBC**

This new adaptation of David Walliams's novel stars Archie Yates (right), Sheridan Smith and Kevin Bishop.



Christmas at... Harewood House

8.00pm **C4**

Find out how the grand state rooms of the Palladian masterpiece are being transformed for the festive season.

Gardeners' World: Winter Specials

8.30pm **BBC2**

Horticultural inspiration by the barrow-load with Adam Frost, Frances Tophill, Carol Klein and Toby Buckland.

QUIZ

Never Mind the Buzzcocks

10.00pm **Sky Max**
Catch up via Sky Go/Now

If *Buzzcocks* is a bit lairy and back-from-the-pub-ish, it can also be huge fun. And in its revived state, with Greg Davies notionally in charge, plus captains Daisy May Cooper and Noel Fielding thinking up the smarts, it's in reliable hands.

This is the festive edition, which in most quizzes means a little more set decoration and the addition of jingle bells to the theme music, but here will involve Christmas questions as well – the writers are usually worth their salt with viable but hilarious wrong answers in the multiple-choice rounds.

Joining resident panellist Jamali Maddix are singers Claire Richards and Pete Doherty (duet, please?) and comedian Tom Allen. **MB**

COMEDY

How to with John Wilson

11.05pm, 11.35pm (11.35pm, 12.05am in Wales) **BBC2** Catch up via iPlayer

This week's late-night double bill starts with a look at how to remember dreams. It's a pretty good topic for a series that applies dream logic to documentary-making in a way that is rambling and disconcerting but also very funny.

We're roaming the streets of New York, where our guide John Wilson films tiny surreal tableaux as if he's a stoned news cameraman who has become distracted. A payphone receiver swinging on its lead; a pile of broken mirror glass; a man face down on the floor of his hallway: these and dozens of others accompany what turns into a poignant reflection on the relationship between fantasy and the everyday. **DAVID BUTCHER**

COMEDY

The Big Narstie Show

11.05pm **C4** Catch up via All 4

Despite this Bafta-winning show having Big Narstie's name above the door, over five series it's sidekick Mo Gilligan who has really cut through, landing a gig as a panellist on *The Masked Singer*, his own Channel 4 series and a new BBC1 show called *That's My Jam*. Here, he returns with Narstie for a Christmas special of the late-night chat show where he made his name, the pair's playful back-and-forth giving a freshness to sketches, performances and roast battles.

As the show opens up its impressive contact book for the special episode, guests include comedian Thanyia Moore, rapper Headie One, singer Jada Kingdom and *Dragons' Den* entrepreneur Steven Bartlett. **LAURA RUTKOWSKI**

LIVE SPORT



Rugby Union

Leinster v Gloucester

7.15pm (k/o 8pm) **BT Sport 1**

Lively Leinster scrum-half Cormac Foley (above) is a player Gloucester need to keep an eye on in this Champions Cup clash

Snooker: English Open

11.45am **Eurosport 1**

The quarter-finals get under way at the Brentwood Centre in Essex.

Alpine Skiing: World Cup

9.15am/10.45am **Eurosport 2**

The women's downhill from St Moritz, Switzerland, and men's Super-G in Val Gardena, Italy. At 2.30pm, men's ski jumping from Engelberg, Switzerland.

FILM OF THE DAY

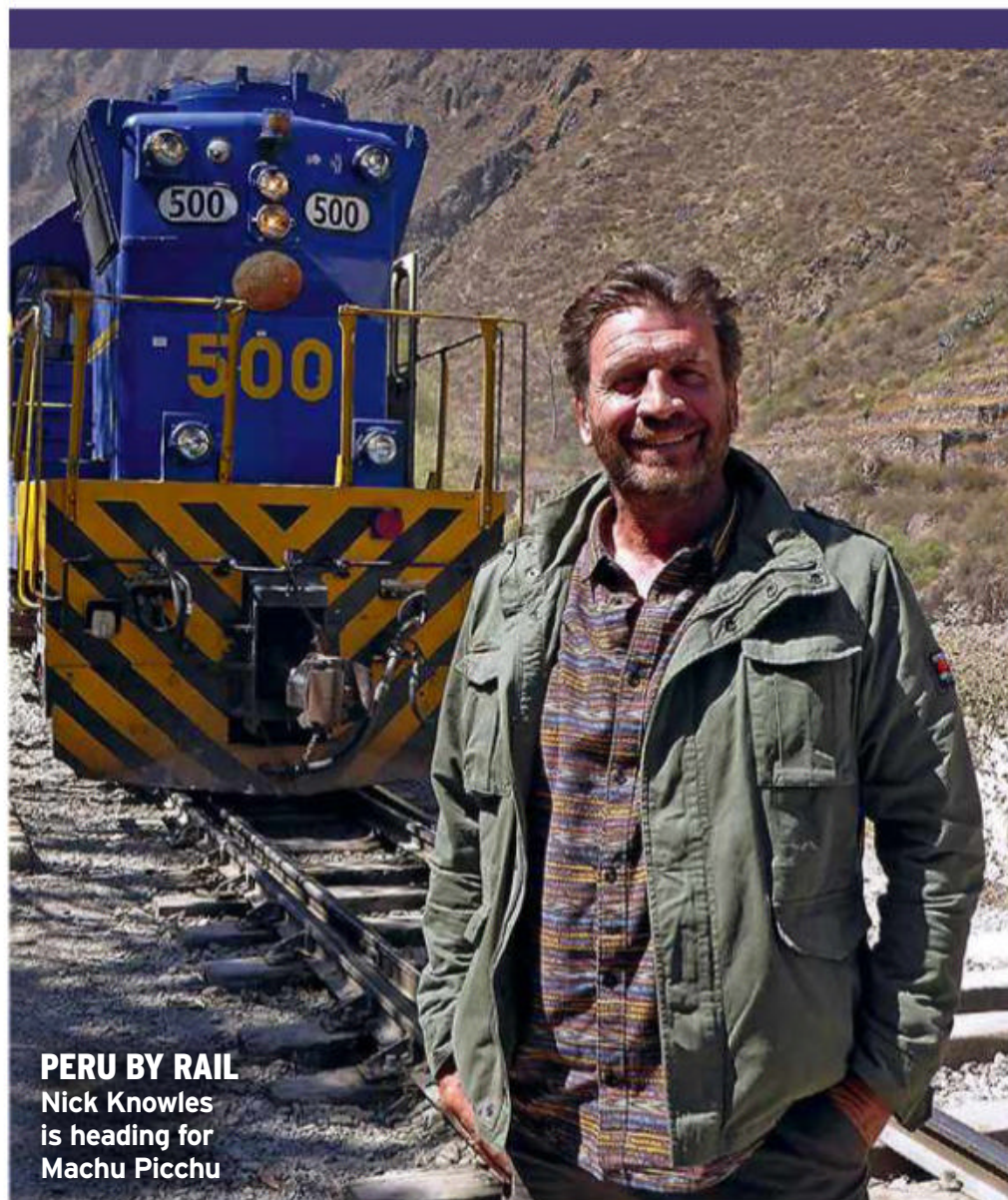


Late Night ★★★ 15

11.25pm (12 midnight in N Ireland, 12.30am Scotland) **BBC1**

In this likeable comedy drama, Emma Thompson plays a chat-show host whose long-running series is at risk of cancellation thanks to a drop in ratings. Could sparky new writer Mindy Kaling be her key to survival? (2019)

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PERU BY RAIL
Nick Knowles is heading for Machu Picchu

TRAVEL

Nick Knowles' Amazing Railway Adventure

8.00pm **Channel 5** Catch up via My5

NEW SERIES

Michael Portillo, Chris Tarrant, Griff Rhys Jones, Billy Connolly and now Nick Knowles: how celebrities love a train journey.

Knowles's first one is across Peru where he boards a surprisingly luxurious train in Puno on Lake Titicaca for a ten-hour trip to Machu Picchu. "It's much more friendly than a British train – everybody is chatting away, making friends," he observes, although maybe that's because, like him, they've been trying pisco sours, a dangerously alcoholic speciality.

En route, he hops on and off the train, marvelling at the floating islands of the Uros, helping at an archaeological dig and haggling for alpaca blankets at La Raya. Knowles has seen a few Big Builds in his time, but the majestic Machu Picchu clearly takes his breath away. Maybe it's just the altitude. **JR**

FRIDAY Main Channels

DAYTIME

BBC1

6.00am Breakfast Naga Munchetty, Charlie Stayt. (S) (HD)

9.15 Morning Live at Christmas Magazine. (S) (HD)

10.00 Expert Witness How soil analysis helped to solve the murders of two schoolgirls. (Revised repeat) (S) (AD) (HD)

10.45 New series. A Countryside Winter Gethin Jones presents a rural guide to the season, featuring guests Mary Berry, Chris Packham and Paul Martin. (S) (AD) (HD)

11.15 Homes under the Hammer Properties in Cheshire, Nottingham and Norfolk. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

12.15pm Bargain Hunt Two teams search for profitable items at an antiques fair in Naseby. (S) (AD) (HD)

1.00 BBC News Regional News; Weather (S) (HD)

1.45 Doctors Valerie awaits a decision. (S) (AD) (HD)

2.15 Shakespeare and Hathaway: Private Investigators Sebastian is faced with his first solo case. **See page 106.** (S) (AD) (HD)

3.00 Escape to the Country A recently retired couple look for a home in Staffordshire. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

3.45 The Bidding Room Items include a room divider and two Victorian love hearts. (R) (S) (HD)

4.30–5.15 The Weakest Link A sports edition of the quiz. Romesh Ranganathan hosts. (R) (S) (HD)

BBC2

6.30am Escape to the Country A singer looks for a home in Cambridgeshire. Shown Thu 3pm BBC1 (S) (AD) (HD)

7.15 Money for Nothing Shown Thu 2.15pm BBC1 (S) (HD)

8.00–9.00 Sign Zone Trawlermen: Hunting the Catch 6/6. Revival trawls for prawns in the North Sea. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 BBC News (S) (HD)

12.15pm Politics UK The week's political news. (S) (HD)

1.00 Meet the Street at Christmas Mark De-Lisser brings all four of his choirs together for a festive grand finale before a large audience. (R) (S) (HD)

1.45 Celebrity Eggheads Zoe Salmon, Dr Sara Kayat, Shazia Mirza, Iwan Thomas and Mark Jenkins take part. Jeremy Vine presents. (R) (S) (HD)

2.15 Fixing Up Christmas ★★ Romantic comedy starring Natalie Dreyfuss. Corporate party planner Joy is hired to help a young CEO with his festive jamboree. Available on iPlayer until New Year's Eve. Director Jessica Harmon (2021) (S) (W) (HD)

3.35–5.00 A Christmas to Savour ★★ Romance starring Britt Irvin. Professional chef Scarlett is gifted a festive cooking getaway, where she runs into an old rival. Available on iPlayer until New Year's Eve. Director Jessica Harmon (2021) (S) (W) (HD)

ITV1

6.00am Good Morning Britain (S) (HD)

9.00 Lorraine Showbiz gossip and guests. (S) (HD)

10.00 This Morning Lifestyle features, fashion and celebrity interviews. Including **Regional Weather** (S) (HD)

12.30pm Loose Women Frank exchanges. (S) (HD)

1.30 ITV Lunchtime News Regional News; Weather (S) (HD)

2.00 Dickinson's Real Deal The Duke and his team of dealers arrive at Aerospace Bristol, where they set up stall beneath the wings of Concorde. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

3.00–4.00 Tenable The Charity Cases attempt to top the Tenable Tower and win the jackpot. Warwick Davis presents. (R) (S) (HD) Followed by **Regional Weather**

Channel 4

6.05am Countdown With Stephen K Amos. (R) (S) (HD)

6.45 Cheers Three episodes of the comedy. (R) (S) (HD)

8.05 Everybody Loves Raymond (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

9.35 Frasier Triple bill of the sitcom. (R) (S) (AD)

11.05 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA Gordon heads to Miami to help the owners of a family-run Danish restaurant. (R) (S) (HD) **12 noon News** (S) (HD)

12.05pm Couples Come Dine with Me Italian and French dishes are served up in West Sussex. (R) (S) (HD)

1.05 Jamie's Easy Christmas Countdown Smoked salmon pâté and goose-fat roast potatoes. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

2.10 Countdown Vick Hope guests. (S) (HD)

3.00 Escape to the Château at Christmas The family create a winter wonderland with an ice rink and use mistletoe and holly to make wreaths. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

4.00–5.00 A Place in the Sun House-hunting around Puerto Rico on Gran Canaria. Repeated 6pm 4seven (S) (HD)

BBC1

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Granite Harbour

8.00pm Deep end: DC Lindo (Romario Simpson) makes a shocking discovery in the series finale



5.15pm Pointless Celebrities

Four teams take part in a music-themed edition of the quiz, featuring Lee Thompson from Madness, Pauline Black from the Selecter, Steve Brown, Barbara Dickson, former Pussycat Doll Kimberly Wyatt, Cathy Dennis, Heather Small and Marillion's Steve Hogarth. Co-hosted by Alexander Armstrong and Richard Osman. (R) (S) (HD)

6.00 BBC News Weather (S) (HD)

6.30 Regional news magazines (S)

7.00 The One Show

Alex Jones hosts live chat and topical reports. (S) (HD)

7.30 EastEnders

Dot's will is read out to her loved ones, while Mick faces a big dilemma regarding Linda's future and Sharon's life becomes increasingly complicated. Writer Daran Little Cast Monday/Thursday (S) (AD) (HD)

8.00 Granite Harbour

RT 3/3. As DCI Cora MacMillan and the team race against the clock to extract a confession from Shay about the kidnapping of Isla, DC Davis Lindo finds himself left out in the cold. But as Lindo continues with his lone investigation into Clellan's death, his enquiries lead to a shocking discovery with potentially fatal consequences. The whole series is available on iPlayer. **See page 106.**

DC Davis Lindo	Romario Simpson	DS Simone "Monty" Montrose
Rory Dashford	Andrew Still	Michelle Jeram
Isla Breck	Fiona Bell	Caroline Deyga
Shay Coburn	Gary Lewis	Hiftu Quasem
DI Jay Mallick	Bhav Joshi	Katie Winter
DCI Cora MacMillan	Dawn Steele	Ross Anderson
DCI Lara Bartlett	Hannah Donaldson	

Writer Sarah Deane; Producer Donna Molloy; Director Gary Williams
First shown on BBC Scotland (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 The Traitors

9/12. The previous night's party games have left the players with more than just a hangover. With one participant already regretting their actions, relationships are tested and accusations start to fly. At the mission, it's a race against the clock to add more gold to the prize pot. With the round table looming, one player's decision stuns the group, changing the game for the Traitors. Claudia Winkleman hosts the reality game show. (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 BBC News Regional News; Weather (S) (HD)

10.40 The Graham Norton Show

Tom Hanks is on the sofa tonight, talking about his latest film, *A Man Called Otto*. Meanwhile, Naomi Ackie discusses her role as Whitney Houston in *I Wanna Dance with Somebody* and Suranne Jones spills all about *Christmas Carole*, a fresh spin on the Dickens classic. Rina Sawayama provides the music. Director Toby Baker; Series producer Jon Magnusson (S) (HD)

11.25 Late Night ★★★

Comedy drama. Late-night talk-show host Katherine Newbury is warned that she risks losing her job due to steadily declining ratings. Her solution is to hire Molly Patel, a writer with only meagre comedy experience, to improve the diversity of her all-white, all-male staff. But there are bigger problems to come... Available on iPlayer for 30 days. **Film of the Day: page 113.**

Katherine Newbury	Emma Thompson	Brad Burditt	Denis O'Hare
Molly Patel	Mindy Kaling	Daniel Tennant	Max Casella
Walter Lovell	John Lithgow	Caroline Morton	Ike Barinholtz
Charlie Fain	Hugh Dancy	Robin	Amy Ryan
Tom Campbell	Reid Scott		Megalyn Echikunwoke

Director Nisha Ganatra (2019, 15) (S) (W) (HD)

1.00am Weather for the Week Ahead (S) (HD)

1.05–6.00am BBC News (S) (HD)

BBC1 Freeview 1/HD 101 **Freesat** 101/HD 106 **Sky** 101/HD 115 **Virgin** 101

BBC2

2

Gardeners' World Winter Specials

8.30pm A touch of Frost: Adam puts up a rose arch and mulches his beds



5.00pm Flog It!

At Southwell Minster, near Nottingham, experts Michael Baggott and Mark Stacey value collectables, and Paul Martin learns about the minster's sculptures. Director Lisa Lipman; Series producer Louise Hibbins (R) (S) (HD)

6.00 BBC RED BUTTON 5.30–10.35 Equestrian

Live coverage of the dressage competition from the London International Horse Show at the ExCel

6.00 Richard Osman's House of Games

Kevin Eldon, Sarah Keyworth, Laila Rouass and John Whaite take part in the final challenges. Director John Smith; Executive producer Tamara Gilder (S) (HD)

6.30 Strictly It Takes Two

Rylan and Janette Manrara present a one-hour show ahead of the grand final. The last couples standing divulge all the backstage gossip. Last in series. (S) (HD)

7.30 Celebrity Antiques Road Trip

With £400 each to spend, *University Challenge* rivals-turned-friends Eric Monkman and Bobby Seagull compete once more as they comb the antiques shops of Kent for rare finds. Series producer Stuart Stanley Harrison Executive producer John Redshaw (S) (HD)

8.30 Gardeners' World Winter Specials

3/4. Adam Frost builds a rose arch, mulches his beds and positions a blackcurrant plant so that it will climb up a fence. Frances Tophill visits RHS Garden Wisley in Surrey to see the colours of heathers in the winter, Carol Klein admires the roses at Hanham Court Gardens, near Bristol, and Toby Buckland harvests homegrown olives in Devon. Series producer Becky Pratt; Exec producer Gary Broadhurst (S) (HD)

RT GARDENING Save £30 on a collection of four beautiful patio roses which come in the following colours: pink, yellow, red and white: p146

9.30 Motherland

Series 3. Surprise Birthday. A sponsored cycling event and cocktails combine as Amanda's PTA charity FUNraiser doubles up as her birthday party. A new, festive episode is scheduled to air next week on BBC1.

Julia	Anna Maxwell Martin	Anne	Philippa Dunne
Amanda	Lucy Punch	Marion	Ellie Haddington
Liz	Diane Morgan	Ms Vaughn	Natalie Cassidy
Kevin	Paul Ready	Mrs Lamb	Jackie Clune
Meg	Tanya Moodie	Garry	Robbie Gee

Writers Holly Walsh, Barunka O'Shaughnessy and Helen Serafinowicz
Director Simon Hynd; Producer Caroline Norris
Postponed from Monday 5 December (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 QI

RT Series 20. With a theme of "tricking and treating", Sandi Toksvig asks another set of impossible questions in the quiz show, joined by Ria Lina, Eshaan Akbar, Jimmy Carr and Alan Davies. **See page 106.** Director Diccon Ramsay; Series producer Piers Fletcher (S) (HD)

RT PUZZLES Join the RT Puzzles website: radiotimespuzzles.com

10.30 Newsnight With Kirsty Wark. (S) (HD)

11.00 Weather (S) (HD)

11.05 How To with John Wilson

RT 5/6 Series 2. How to Remember Your Dreams The host drifts from the world of rational thought in the hopes of remembering his dreams. (S) (AD) (HD)

11.35 6/6. How to Be Spontaneous. The New York film-maker's attempt at spontaneity does not go as planned. **See page 107.** (S) (AD) (HD)

12.05am The Secret Genius of Modern Life 6/6. Hannah Fry uncovers the secrets behind trainers, including the war against fakes. **See choice, p96.** Shown yesterday 8pm (S) (AD) (HD)

1.05–2.50am Sign Zone 1.05 Simon Schama's History of Now 1/3. The historian and author looks back at the major events that have occurred in his lifetime. (R) (S) (HD)
2.05 Louis Theroux Interviews... Rita Ora 6/6. The broadcaster meets the singer/songwriter. (R) (S) (HD)

BBC2 Freeview 2/HD 102 **Freesat** 102 **Sky** 102 **Virgin** 102

ITV1

3

Coronation Street

8.00pm

Daisy prepares to face the truth after she finds a danger sign



4.00pm Tipping Point

Four contestants take turns on the supersized arcade machine. Ben Shephard hosts. (R) (S) (HD)

5.00 The Chase

Sandy, Coral, Cliff and Shelley pit their wits against one of the ruthless Chasers. (R) (S) (HD)

6.00 Regional News Weather

(S) (HD)

6.30 ITV Evening News Weather

(S) (HD)

7.30 Emmerdale

Moir a rushes to see Cain in prison. Marcus tries to dismiss his misgivings. David feels hopeful.

Moir a Dingle	Natalie J Robb	Rishi Sharma	Bhasker Patel
Cain Dingle	Jeff Hordley	Rodney Blackstock	Patrick Mower
Marcus Dean	Darcy Grey	Ryan Stocks	James Moore
Manpreet Sharma	Rebecca Sarker	Sam Dingle	James Hooton
Marlon Dingle	Mark Charnock	Sarah Sugden	Katie Hill
Mary Goskirk	Louise Jameson	Suzy Merton	Martelle Edinborough
Matty Barton	Ash Palmisciano	Tracy Metcalfe	Amy Walsh
Naomi Walters	Karene Peter	Vanessa Woodfield	Michelle Hardwick
Nate Robinson	Jurell Carter	Victoria Sugden	Isabel Hodgins
Nicola King	Nicola Wheeler	Vinny Dingle	Bradley Johnson
Noah Dingle	Jack Downham	Wendy Posner	Susan Cookson
Priya Kotecha	Fiona Wade	Will Taylor	Dean Andrews
Rhona Goskirk	Zoe Henry	Zak Dingle	Steve Halliwell

Writer Andrew Kirk This weeks episodes produced by Kate Brooks and Laura Shaw and directed by Durno Johnston and Ian Curtis More cast Thursday (S) (AD) (HD)

8.00 Coronation Street

Daisy visits the doctor. Max accepts another gift from Griff. Simon starts work alongside Jacob.

Daisy Midgeley	Charlotte Jordan	Paul Foreman	Peter Ash
Max Turner	Paddy Bever	Todd Grimshaw	Gareth Pierce
Griff Reynolds	Michael Condron	Beth Sutherland	Lisa George
Simon Barlow	Alex Bain	Lily Platt	Brooke Malonie
Jacob Hay	Jack James Ryan	Dr Gaddas	Christine Mackie
Daniel Osbourne	Rob Mallard	Reece Bolton	Scott Anson
Jenny Connor	Sally Ann Matthews	Damon Hay	Ciaran Griffiths
Roy Cropper	David Neilson	Kirk Sutherland	Andrew Whymant
Chesney Brown	Sam Aston	Dave Fairchild	Luke Delaney
Rita Tanner	Barbara Knox	Len Cameron	Mark Murphy
Peter Barlow	Chris Gascoyne	Ollie Deacon	Carl Blakeley
Leanne Battersby	Jane Danson	Adam Barlow	Samuel Robertson
George Shuttleworth	Tony Maudsley	Craig Tinker	Colson Smith
Ryan Connor	Ryan Prescott	Maria Connor	Samia Longchambon
Sean Tully	Antony Cotton	Carla Barlow	Alison King
Eileen Grimshaw	Sue Cleaver	Shona Platt	Julia Goulding

Writers Jonathan Harvey and Jan McVerry This weeks episodes produced by Iain MacLeod and directed by Gill Wilkinson and Neil Alderton More cast Monday (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 Gordon, Gino & Fred: Unseen Bits

2/2. Gordon Ramsay, Gino D'Acampo and Fred Sirieix serve up a second course of highlights from their road trips, featuring more bloopers and moments they'd rather forget. (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 ITV News at Ten

Weather; Regional News and Weather (S) (HD)

10.45 The NFL Show

Jason Bell and Osi Umenyiora look back at the big moments from week 14 and the best action from Seattle Seahawks v San Francisco 49ers. Series producer Rob Williams (S) (HD)

11.45 Heathrow: Britain's Busiest Airport

Border Force Bob juggles visas with a circus performer, while security officer Estefania investigates an oddly shaped object.

Series producer Juliette Murray-Topham Executive producers Eve Kay and Tom Barry (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

12.10am Home Shopping

3.00 Happy Birthday Mr Bean A look at how the accident-prone comedy character became a global hit and ended up on the big screen. (R) (S) (SL) (HD)
3.50 Unwind A sequence to calm the mind. (S) (HD)
5.05-6.00am Tenable Christmas Cracker Five panto stars called Snow Joke take part. (R) (S) (SL) (HD)

ITV1 Freeview 3/HD 103 Freesat 103 Sky 103 Virgin 113/HD 103
+1 Freeview 35 Freesat 112 Sky 203 Virgin 114

Channel 4

4
7 in Wales

The Big Narstie Show: Christmas Special

11.05pm

Dragon Steven Bartlett drops in to the MC's den



5.00pm Kirstie's Handmade Christmas

5/10. Kirstie stages her Christmas hamper competition, as crafters race against the clock. Repeated 7pm 4seven (S) (AD) (HD)

6.00 The Simpsons

Midnight RX. Homer is caught smuggling prescription drugs from Canada. (R) (S) (AD)

6.30 Hollyoaks

Ste learns that Leah has been avoiding school.

Writer Colin O'Donnell Cast Tue/Thu Shown yesterday 7pm E4 Rptd next Monday E4 The next episode follows on E4 (S) (AD) (HD)

7.00 Channel 4 News Sport; Weather

(S) (HD)

8.00 Christmas at... Harewood House

2/3. Built in the 1700s, Harewood House in Yorkshire is now run as a museum dedicated to fine art. For the Christmas period this year, David Lascelles – the eighth Earl of Harewood – and his team have commissioned 11 cutting-edge artists to transform all of the grand state rooms with installations that showcase their own different interpretations of winter festivities. But will the experience prove to be what the house's 40,000 loyal visitors are expecting? Producer Victoria Hepburn Executive producer Charlie Clay (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 Celebrity Gogglebox 2022

A look back on some of the best moments from this year's series. The line-up of famous faces critiquing 2022's biggest shows includes Gyles Brandreth and Joanna Lumley, Judi Love and Charlene White, Scott Mills and Sam Ryder, and Mo Gilligan and Babatunde Aléshé.

Executive producers Mike Cotton, Sophie Lloyd, Leon Campbell and Victoria Ray Repeated 11.05pm 4seven (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 The Last Leg

Ep 5. Guz Khan is among the guests joining Adam Hills, Josh Widdicombe and Alex Brooker to dissect the main events of the past seven days.

Series producer Tom Messer Executive producers Andrew Beint and Danny Carr (S) (HD)

11.05 The Big Narstie Show: Christmas Special

RT Ep 6 Series 5. The grime MC and his co-host Mo Gilligan present a special festive edition of the anarchic late-night chat show, with guests including comedian Thanyia Moore, rapper Headie One, singer Jada Kingdom and entrepreneur Steven Bartlett. See page 107. Producer Kathleen Parker; Series producer Delia Williams (S) (HD)

11.55 Snatch ★★★

Comedy crime drama starring Brad Pitt. In Antwerp, jewel thief Franky Four Fingers steals a huge diamond, but before he can deliver it to his New York boss he is ambushed in London by a Russian mobster's henchmen.

Mickey One Punch O'Neill	Brad Pitt	Bullet Tooth Tony	Vinnie Jones
Turkish	Jason Statham	Boris the Blade	Rade Serbedzija
Franky Four Fingers	Benicio Del Toro	Brick Top	Alan Ford
Avi	Dennis Farina	Doug the Head	Mike Reid

Director Guy Ritchie (2000, 18) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

1.40am Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA Helping an Italian restaurant in Pennsylvania. (R) (S) (SL) (HD)

2.30 Come Dine with Me In this festive celebrity edition with hosts including Rav Wilding and Rebecca Adlington, Mexican dishes are on the menu. (R) (S) (HD)

4.45 Countdown Stephen K Amos guests. (R) (S) (HD)

5.30 Drawers Off: the Big Naked Painting Challenge Today's challenge is not only to depict a life model, but also the chair in which they are reclining. (R) (S) (HD)

5.55-6.15am Kirstie's Handmade Christmas Creating an advent calendar with a twist. (R) (S) (HD)

Channel 4 Freeview 4/HD 104 Freesat 104 Sky 104 Virgin HD 104
+1 Freeview 15 Freesat 121 Sky 204 Virgin 142

BBC4

9
24 in Scotland

Fleetwood Mac: Don't Stop

9.00pm Rumours at the top: singer Stevie Nicks in a band profile



7.00pm Christmas University Challenge

10/10. Jeremy Paxman hosts as the 2021 competition for the alumni of some of Britain's top universities reaches a climax. Will 2020 winners the Courtauld Institute of Art be in a position to defend their title?

Director Tracey Rooney Producer Peter Gwyn (R) (S) (HD)

7.30 Top of the Pops 1993

Mark Franklin introduces the edition first shown on 23 December. Featuring performances by the Bee Gees, K7, Saint Etienne, Shabba Ranks, Dina Carroll, EY C and Mr Blobby.

Director Babara Jones; Producer Stanley Appel (R) (S)

8.00 Top of the Pops: Christmas 1993

Tony Dortie and Mark Franklin host the edition from 25 December, featuring Faith No More, Take That with Lulu, Snap featuring Niki Haris, Whitney Houston, 2 Unlimited, the Bluebells, Ace of Base, Gabrielle, M People and Annie Lennox. There's also a guest appearance from Patsy Palmer. (R) (S)

9.00 Fleetwood Mac: Don't Stop

RT In this 2009 documentary, one of the biggest-selling bands of all time are touring again. Fleetwood Mac's story, as told by band members, began during the British blues boom of the 1960s, evolving into a US West Coast sound that saw them sell 40 million copies of the 1977 album Rumours. Yet their relationships behind the scenes were anything but stable. Narrated by David Morrissey. See page 106.

Director/Producer Matt O'Casey Repeated 2.30am (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 Fleetwood Mac: the Dance

This 1997 live performance features the most successful line-up of the band – Lindsey Buckingham, Stevie Nicks, Mick Fleetwood, John McVie and Christine McVie. Filmed at Warner Brothers Studios in Burbank, California, the set includes The Chain, Dreams, Big Love, Go Your Own Way, Rhiannon and Don't Stop. (R) (S) (HD)

11.45 Fleetwood Mac: a Musical History

For more than 50 years, Fleetwood Mac have survived break-ups and breakdowns to emerge as rock's great survivors, selling more than 100 million records worldwide – with 1977 album Rumours accounting for the largest proportion of them. In this celebration of their music, Edith Bowman tells the band's story. First shown in 2018. Director/Series producer Siobhan Logue (R) (S) (HD)

12.45am Country Music by Ken Burns

5/9. The Sons and Daughters of America

(1964-1968). Featuring Loretta Lynn, Merle Haggard and Charley Pride. (R) (S) (HD)

1.40 6/9. Will the Circle Be Unbroken?

(1968-1972). Johnny Cash features. (R) (S) (HD)

2.30-3.30am Fleetwood Mac: Don't Stop Shown 9pm (S) (AD) (HD)

BBC4 F'view 9/HD 106 F'sat 108 Sky 116 Virgin 108

Regional variations

BBC2 WALES

11.05pm It's My Shout: Short Films from Wales: double bill
11.35 How To with John Wilson
12.35-1.05am Coast: Nick Crane travels from London to Belgium

ITV1 WALES

6.30pm ITV Evening News 7.00-7.30 Coast and Country: Sean Fletcher and Ruth Dodsworth explore stories on the Gower and Llŷn Peninsulas

LONDON LIVE

F'view 8 Sky 117 Virgin 159

6.00am Dork Hunters from Outer Space (R)

6.30 Kong: the

Animated Series (R)

7.00 Roswell

Conspiracies (R)

7.30 Starla and

the Jewel Riders (R)

8.00 Fairy Tales for

You: double bill (R)

8.30 Skysurfer

Strike Force (R)

9.00 My Greek

Odyssey (R)

10.00 Fearless Mr Fox:

how foxes exploit human

environments (R)

11.00 Goodnight

Sweetheart (R)

11.45 Secrets of London

with Mark Monroe (R)

12 noon Princess

Diana: in Search

of Happiness (R)

1.00pm Terry on the

Fence: drama starring

Jack McNicoll

2.35 FILM: Eagles Over

London ★★★ Second

World War action drama

starring Frederick

Stafford (1969, PG)

4.45 FILM: High Rise

Donkey ★★ Drama

starring Wilfrid Brambell

6.00 London Live News

7.00 For the Love of

Ada: double bill (R)

8.00 Hell Below (R)

9.00 FILM: Nineteen

Nineteen ★★ Drama

with Maria Schell and

Paul Scofield (1984, 15)

11.00 FILM: Blessed

★★ Drama starring

James Nesbitt (2007, U)

12.40am FILM: Deceit

★★★ Drama starring

Michelle Pfeiffer (2017, 15)

2.45 Secrets of London

with Mark Monroe (R)

3.00 Danger Man (R)

3.30 News Rewind

5.00-6.00

Talking Points

Channel 5
listings are overleaf

FRIDAY Freeview

Channel 5

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Comedy Classics: Porridge 9.00pm
Remembering the bittersweet sitcom

5.35am Milkshake! See page 112

9.15 New. Jeremy Vine (S) (HD)

12.30pm Bargain-Loving Brits in the Sun
Colin "Coco" Brown prepares to welcome a family of seven to the B&B. (S) (HD)

1.25 5 News (S) (HD)

1.30 Under the Christmas Tree ★★

P Romantic drama starring Elise Bauman and Tattiawna Jones. A political lackey is tasked with sourcing the perfect tree for a festive celebration. Director Lisa Rose Snow (2021) (S) (W) (HD)

3.15 Christmas with the Darlings ★★

P Romantic comedy starring Katrina Law. After quitting her job, an assistant finds herself helping her boss's tearaway brother look after his nieces and nephews. Director Catherine Cyran (2020) (S) (W) (HD)

5.00pm 5 News (S) (HD)

6.00 The Wonderful World of Chocolate

Documentary offering a glimpse inside the confectionery world, visiting factories, chocolatiers and shops. (S) (HD)

6.55 5 News Update (S) (HD)

7.00 Susan Calman's Grand Day Out

2/5 Series 3. Susan takes her camper van to the rolling countryside of the North Yorkshire Moors and the Yorkshire Dales, a part of the world known as Herriot Country. Director/Producer Katie Greaves (S) (HD)

7.55 5 News Update (S) (HD)

8.00 New series. Nick Knowles's Amazing Railway Adventure

RT The presenter embarks on a journey across the extraordinary landscapes of Peru to Machu Picchu. Starting at Puno on Lake Titicaca, Nick's journey takes him to the highest point on this railway line (and the fourth highest train station in the world) at La Raya. **See p107.** (S) (HD)
Followed by **5 News Update** (S) (HD)

9.00 New. Comedy Classics: Porridge

RT A tribute to Dick Clement and Ian La Frenais's classic prison-based comedy starring Ronnie Barker and Richard Beckinsale, exploring how the characters in Slade Prison revolved around Barker's inimitable inmate, Fletch. Also featuring looks at 1978's spin-off *Going Straight*; *Porridge: The Movie*; US remake *On the Rocks*; and the 2017 reboot starring Kevin Bishop and Ricky Grover. **See page 106.** Director/Producer Sean Doherty (S) (HD)

10.30 Dick Emery's Comedy Gold
Friends and colleagues of the comedian share their stories, screen rare home movies, and reveal the man behind the mask. There's a look at Emery's personal life and his love/hate relationship with comedy caricatures such as Mandy. Director/Producer Ricky Kelehar (S) (HD)

12.30am 999: Criminals Caught on Camera (S) (HD) **1.00 New. Casino** (S) (HD) **3.00 Rich House, Poor House** (S) (HD) **4.45-5.45am The Great Model Railway Challenge** (S) (HD)

C5 F'view 5/HD 105 F'sat 105 Sky 105 Virgin 154/HD 105 +1 Freeview 46 Freesat 128 Sky 205 Virgin 155

BBC4 listings are overleaf

BBC3

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Big Zuu's Christmas Eats 9.00pm
The chef serves up festive treats

7.00pm The Next Step

Series 8. Richelle faces the pro-division final. **7.20** The race is on for Daisy and Heath, and Kenzie has a tempting offer.

7.45 A-troupe must pull together like never before. A box set is on iPlayer. (S) (HD)

8.10 New. The Catch Up (S) (HD)

8.15 Freeze: Back on Thin Ice

4/4 Series 2. After a season plagued with injury, Harry and Lydia are back in action and working hard to make up for lost time. Freddie learns a lesson in mental resilience. The whole series is on iPlayer. (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 Big Zuu's Christmas Eats

Ep 2. Phil Wang, Desiree Burch, Ed Gamble and Rosie Jones return for more of Zuu's delicious eats, but not before he takes them festive foraging. (S) (AD) (HD)

9.45 Out of Sight ★★ ★★

P Romantic crime drama starring George Clooney and Jennifer Lopez. When career bank robber Jack Foley encounters US Marshal Karen Sisco during a prison escape, their mutual attraction is destined to see them cross paths again. Available on iPlayer for 28 days. **Review page 93.** Director Steven Soderbergh (1998, 15) (S) (W) (AD) (HD)

11.40 My Mate's a Bad Date

7/7. Harriet thinks burping on dates is fine. Oloni wants her to make some changes and try something new. (S) (HD)

12 midnight-4.00am New. Bellator MMA Replay: the Bellator 287 event in Milan, featuring the lightweight bout between Adam Piccolotti and Mansour Barnaoui (S) (HD)

BBC3 F'view 23/HD 109 (not Scot/Wales) F'sat 179/HD 107 Sky 117 (173 London; 141 Scot) Virgin 107 (157 Scot/Wales)

ITV2

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6.00am Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records (S) (HD) **7.00** The Cabins (S) (HD)

8.00 Love Bites: double bill (S) (SL) (AD) (HD) **10.00** Dress to Impress (S) (HD)

12 noon Rolling in It (S) (AD) (HD) **1.00pm** Family Fortunes (S) (HD) **2.00** Catchphrase (S) (HD) **2.50** One Tree Hill (S) (HD) **4.00** Chuck (S) (HD)

6.00pm Celebrity Catchphrase Ade Adepitan, Clare Balding and Robert Webb take part. Stephen Mulhern hosts. (S) (AD) (HD)

7.00 Dress to Impress Archie, Callum and Destiny choose outfits for Tabitha. (S) (HD)

8.00 Bob's Burgers Series 9. Louise, Gene and Tina engage in a heated turf war when their usual sledding territory is invaded by a group of teenagers. (S) (AD) (HD)

8.30 Series 10. Linda works a temp job to make extra money for the holidays. (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 FILM Horrible Bosses ★★ Black comedy starring Jason Bateman, Charlie Day and Jason Sudeikis. Three downtrodden, demoralised workers decide enough is enough and hatch a plan to kill each other's bosses. They seek advice from an ex-con, but devising the perfect crime proves trickier than expected. (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

11.05 Family Guy Series 10. Joe cheats on Bonnie in order to even the score, and Peter confronts the angry chicken again. (S) (AD) (HD)

11.30 Series 11. Lois causes Peter some distress when she tells him about her dinner date with former boyfriend Ross Fishman, his wife Pam and their son Ben. (S) (AD) (HD)

12 midnight American Dad! (S) (AD) **1.00am** The Stand Up Sketch Show (S) (HD) **1.30** The Stand Up Sketch Show (S) (HD) **2.30-3.00am** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records (S) (HD)

ITV2 Freeview 6 Freesat 113 Sky 118 Virgin 115/HD 176 +1 Freeview 29 Freesat 114 Sky 218 Virgin 116

ITV3

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Doc Martin 9.00pm The GP and PC Penhale encounter vandalism

6.00am Classic Coronation Street (S) (AD) **7.00** Classic Emmerdale (S) **8.05** Man about the House (S) **9.10** The Darling Buds of May: **3&4/7 Series 2.** *Stranger at the Gates* 1/2 Charley is jealous of a Danish visitor; **10.25** 2/2. Pop faces hostility from the villagers (S) (HD)

11.35 Heartbeat: **3/24.** Joe and Carol clash over the best way to support a single mother; **12.35pm 4/24.** Joe and Rachel investigate a violent attack on a travelling hippie (S) (AD)

1.40pm Classic Emmerdale: double bill. Tricia is more motivated than ever to tie the knot with Marlon, then Robert finds an unopened birthday card from Andy's real father (S) **2.50** Classic Coronation Street: double bill. Richard has a proposal for Gail, then Karen makes a deal with Gill (S) (AD)

3.50 A Touch of Frost: **Series 6. Appendix Man.** While Frost is on compassionate leave, Wallace is called out when a man is found hanged in his home (S) (AD)

6.00pm Heartbeat

5/24 Series 18. Bernie receives shocking news concerning a past love. (S) (AD)

7.00 6/24. The rivalry between two brass bands gets out of hand. (S) (AD)

8.00 Doc Martin

5/8 Series 9. Wild West Country Martin investigates a shooting which Penhale is keen to solve. (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 6/8. Equilibrium. Penhale investigates a case of vandalism. (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 Cracker

3/7 Series 3. Brotherly Love 3/3 David Harvey maintains his innocence, leading Fitz to become convinced that his wife Maggie is the killer. (S) (AD)

11.05 4/7. Best Boys 1/2. A lonely bachelor and a wayward teenager embark on a deadly relationship. (S) (AD)

12.15am Ladies of Letters: **7/10 Series 2.** Damon thinks he has become a dingo after ingesting Irene's drugs; **12.45 8/10.** Irene is looking after Karen's newborn son; **1.15 9/10.** Vera suspects the vet is Nelson's father; **1.45 10/10.** Vera moves in with her daughter (S) (AD) **2.20-2.30am** Unwind (S) (HD)

ITV3 Freeview 10 Freesat 115 Sky 119 Virgin 117/HD 177 +1 F'view 59 (9pm-4am) F'sat 116 Sky 219 Virgin 174

ITV4

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6.00am The Champions (S) **6.55** Cadfael (S) (HD) **8.25** Magnum, PI (S) (AD) (HD) **9.25** The Professionals: C15 investigates a shooting (S) (AD) **10.30** Minder (S) (AD) **11.40** The Protectors (S)

12.10pm The Champions (S) **1.10** Cadfael (S) (HD) **2.50** Magnum, PI (S) (AD) (HD) **3.55** The Professionals (S) (AD) **4.55** Minder (S) (AD)

6.00pm Giant Lobster Hunters Squizzy faces a massive bill to fix his boat. (S) (AD) (HD)

7.00 BattleBots Minotaur goes head-to-head with Subzero in a smackdown. (S) (HD)

8.00 Junk and Disorderly Restoring a triple-cylinder Triumph Trident bike. (S) (HD)

9.00 New. All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite Action from the world of AEW. (S) (HD)

11.05 FILM Speed 2: Cruise Control ★★ Action thriller sequel starring Sandra Bullock and Jason Patric. When Annie discovers that her policeman boyfriend is not a bicycle patrolman at LA's Venice Beach but a risk-taking special operative, he offers to take her on a Caribbean cruise as an apology for deceiving her. But their romantic holiday turns out to be anything but plain sailing. (S) (W) (HD)

1.40am Motorsport Mundial (S) (HD) **2.05** Auto Mundial (S) (HD) **2.30-3.00am** The Protectors (S)

ITV4 Freeview 26 Freesat 117 Sky 120 Virgin 118/HD 178 +1 Freesat 118 Sky 220 Virgin 175

Drama

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Father Brown 9.00pm The past catches up with Mrs McCarthy

7.00am As Time Goes By Repeated 5.25pm and 12.20am (S) **7.30** All Creatures Great and Small Repeated 4.20pm (S) **8.30** New Tricks Rptd 10pm (AD) **9.50** Classic Casualty: double bill. Dylan is distraught, then a traumatic birth brings Duffy and Charlie closer (HD)

12 noon The Bill: Taviner pursues Knowles's killer **1.00pm** Classic EastEnders: double bill. Lisa backtracks, then Phil confronts Melanie

2.20 New Tricks: **9/10 Series 11.** Danny investigates the death of a modern-day Miss Marple; **3.20 10/10.** The team reopens a murder investigation (S) (AD) (HD) **4.20** All Creatures Great and Small: **2/12 Series 6. The Course of True Love.** The vets are saddened by the death of George VI Shown 7.30am (S) **5.25** As Time Goes By: **9/10 Series 3.** Jean insists on going back to work after returning from LA Shown 7am Repeated 12.20am (S)

6.00pm As Time Goes By

10/10 Series 3. Problems, Problems Rocky and Madge's honeymoon ends with a canoeing accident. Repeated 1am (S)

6.40 Last of the Summer Wine

Series 1. Spring Fever. Compo makes an effort to dress smartly. (S)

7.20 The New Mobile Trio. Clegg persuades Compo to buy a car. (S)

8.00 Father Brown

9/10 Series 1. The Mayor and the Magician The mayor dies suddenly. (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 10/10. The Blue Cross. The priest's priceless Blue Cross is targeted. (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 New Tricks

5/10 Series 8. Moving Target. The team takes a look at a hit-and-run that left a courier with a brain injury. Shown 8.30am (AD)

11.00 Hustle

2/6 Series 4. Signing Up to Wealth In an audacious and risky con, the gang targets a pornography baron. (HD)

12.20am As Time Goes By Shown 5.25pm

1.35 Auf Wiedersehen, Pet: **2/6 Series 4.** Oz falls for a Cuban ballerina (S) **2.40-4.00am** A Place to Call Home: **2/10 Series 2.** Those involved in Bert's death search for peace (S) (HD)

Drama Freeview 20 Freesat 158 Sky 143 Virgin 130 +1 Freeview 60 Sky 243 Virgin 226

ITVBe

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7.00am The Real Housewives of Cheshire (S) (AD) (HD) **8.00** The Big Bake: Holiday (S) (HD)

9.00 LittleBe (HD) **12 noon** Best Cake Wins (S) (HD) **12.30pm** The Real Housewives of New Jersey: double bill (S) (HD) **2.15** The Real Housewives of Cheshire (S) (AD) (HD) **4.15**

New. The Big Bake: double bill (S) (HD)

6.20pm FILM A Great North Christmas ★★ Romantic drama starring Laura Mitchell and Jay Hindle. Workaholic Caroline heads to Canada for a vacation in the hope that she will have a chance to unwind. But relaxation isn't the only thing she finds... (S) (W) (HD)

8.00 FILM 27 Dresses ★★ ★★ Romantic comedy starring Katherine Heigl, Malin Akerman and James Marsden. Jane Nichols, who has been a bridesmaid 27 times, takes stock of her life when her sister arranges to marry the man she's secretly in love with.

Review page 113. (S) (W) (HD)

10.10 New. Love Island: Australia Relationship-based reality show. (S) (HD)

11.25 The Only Way Is Essex Shelby finds herself torn between two men. (S) (HD)

12.25am Tanya's Extreme Therapies (S) (HD)

12.50-1.00am Unwind (S) (HD)

ITVBe Freeview 28 Freesat 119 Sky 131 Virgin 119/HD 179 +1 Virgin 120 (Scotland 162)



More4

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Grand Designs 7.55pm Bad weather hampers Michael and Michele's plans

8.55am Kirstie's Vintage Gems **9.15** A Place in the Sun **11.05** Find It, Fix It, Flog It (AD)

1.10pm Heir Hunters **3.10** Four in a Bed **5.55** Escape to the Château: DIY (AD)

6.55pm Escape to the Château The overhaul of the orangery continues, and Dick and Angel test out the interior by holding a family party to celebrate their fifth wedding anniversary. (AD) **7.55 Grand Designs** Michele and Michael hope to restore a derelict 100-year-old forge on Antrim's rugged coastline and add a horseshoe-shaped modern straw-bale extension on the side. But with little practical experience, how will the couple fare? (AD) **9.00 24 Hours in A&E** A man has severed three of his fingers with an electric saw, and a patient with motor neurone disease has severe sepsis. A teenager struggles to come to terms with the impact of serious injuries. (AD) **10.00** When James is rushed to A&E after a head-on collision with his car windshield, doctors are concerned that he has sustained a life-changing injury. Margaret, meanwhile, is brought by ambulance to St George's Hospital after collapsing at her care home. (AD) **11.05 Emergency Helicopter Medics** A man is trapped in his mangled car and a tree surgeon falls from a height in Ashdon, breaking his femur. Meanwhile, a motorbike accident leaves a man with fractures. (AD)

12.10am Eight out of Ten Cats Does Countdown: double bill **2.15** 24 Hours in A&E (AD) **3.20-3.50am** Food Unwrapped (AD)

More4 F'view 18 **F'sat** 124 **Sky** 136 **Virgin** 147/HD 195 **+1** **Freesat** 125 **Sky** 236 **Virgin** 196

E4

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6.00am Hollyoaks Shown Wed/Thur 6.30pm Channel 4 (AD) **7.00** Ramsay's Hotel Hell (AD) **8.00** Black-ish (AD) **9.00** How I Met Your Mother (AD) **10.00** The Big Bang Theory (AD) **11.00** The Goldbergs: double bill (AD)

12 noon Brooklyn Nine-Nine (AD) **1.00pm** The Big Bang Theory (AD) **3.00** The Goldbergs (AD) **4.00** Modern Family **5.00** The Big Bang Theory: four editions of the sitcom (AD)

7.00pm New. Hollyoaks Warren turns up at Sienna's Christmas Eve party uninvited. Cast pp79/99 Repeated next Monday C4 (AD)

7.30 The Big Bang Theory 22/24 Series 5 Howard's stag party leads to a problem. (AD)

8.00 New. Modern Family 7/24 Series 5 A family trip proves eventful for Phil and Claire.

8.30 8/24. Phil decides to break into Jay's secret room. Both episodes first shown on Sky.

9.00 Naked Attraction A wrestler and a bi-curious graphic designer take part. (AD) **10.00 New. Celebs Go Dating** Pete Wicks and Gary Lucy go for an overnight getaway in the country with two new dates.

11.05 Naked Attraction With a musician from Edinburgh and a musical theatre student. (AD) **12.10am** A 24-year-old sales administrator from Newquay takes part. (AD)

1.15am Celebs Go Dating **2.15 New.** Summer House **3.05** Below Deck (AD) **3.55** Ramsay's Hotel Hell (SL) (AD) **4.45-6.00am** Brooklyn Nine-Nine (SL) (AD)

E4 Freeview 13 **Freesat** 122 **Sky** 135 **Virgin** 106/HD 145 **+1** **Freeview** 30 **Freesat** 123 **Sky** 235 **Virgin** 146

E4 Extra Freeview 31 **Freesat** 181 **Sky** 138 **Virgin** 337

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6.00am Fantasy Homes by the Sea **7.00** Home Shopping **8.00** Salvage Hunters **9.00** The Repair Shop **10.00** Antiques Road Trip **12 noon** Money for Nothing **1.00pm** Hotel Inspector: You're Fired **2.00** Animal Cops Houston **4.00** Dr Jeff: Rocky Mountain Vet **5.00** Helicopter ER **6.00** The Repair Shop **7.00** Antiques Road Trip **9.00 New.** These Woods Are Haunted **10.00 New.** The Dead Files **11.00** Ghost Adventures (AD) **12 midnight** A Haunting **1.00am** Ghost Adventures (AD) **2.00** Home Shopping **4.00-5.00am** Animal Cops Houston

Really Freeview 17 **Freesat** 160 **Sky** 142 **Virgin** 128

Sky Arts

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Earth, Wind and Fire Experience Feat. Al McKay Play: Avo Session 7.00pm

6.00am Charlie Watts Jazz Orchestra **7.15** The South Bank Show Originals **7.45** Darbar Festival 2022 **9.00** Tales of the Unexpected (AD) **10.00** Alfred Hitchcock Presents **11.00** Discovering: Jason Robards: a profile

12 noon Film Noir **1.00pm** Tales of the Unexpected (AD) **2.00** Portrait Artist of the Year 2021 (AD) **3.00** Best of Portrait Artist of the Year 2021 (AD) **4.00** Discovering: Richard Dreyfuss **5.00** Tales of the Unexpected (AD)

6.00pm Alfred Hitchcock Presents A meek man who wants to feel a sense of importance turns to serious crime.

6.30 Norman's lack of interest in his wife Paula leads her to believe he no longer loves her, but he threatens murder to prove it.

7.00 New. Earth, Wind and Fire Experience Feat. Al McKay Play: Avo Session A 2017 concert by the funk and soul band on the Piazza in Poschiavo, part of the Festival da Jazz in St Moritz, Switzerland.

8.40 The Who: Tommy Live at the Royal Albert Hall A 2017 concert in which the band perform their rock opera *Tommy*, with tracks including *The Acid Queen* and *Pinball Wizard*.

10.10 Joe Cocker: Mad Dogs and Englishmen A film of the blues singer in concert at Manhattan's Fillmore East and the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium in 1970.

12.25am Donovan: Sunshine Superman **3.05** Donovan and the Beatles In India **4.05** Cheltenham Literature Festival **5.05** Simple Minds: Music Icons **5.30-6.00am** Video Killed the Radio Star

Sky Arts Freeview 11 **Freesat** 147 **Sky** 130 **Virgin** 165/HD 140 **BT** 350/HD 365

4seven

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9.00am Four in a Bed **9.30** Come Dine with Me: in and around Cumbria (AD)

12 noon Kirstie's Handmade Christmas (AD) **1.00pm** Château DIY at Christmas (AD)

2.00 A Place in the Sun **4.00** Jamie's Easy Christmas Countdown (AD) **5.00** Escape to the Château at Christmas (AD)

6.00pm A Place in the Sun. A house-hunt on the island of Gran Canaria. Shown 4pm C4

7.00 Kirstie's Handmade Christmas 5/10 Four culinary crafters compete in the festive hamper competition. Shown 5pm C4 (AD)

8.00 George Clarke's Old House, New Home A 1900s villa where the main bedroom is accessed through the bathroom. (AD)

9.00 Inside Aldi at Christmas A glimpse into the supermarket's festive preparations, as manager Lee faces the challenge of opening a new store. Shown Thu 8pm C4 (AD)

10.00 24 Hours in Police Custody Veteran detective DC Dave Brecknock investigates a burglary of antiques worth £250,000 at a country estate. (AD)

11.05 Celebrity Gogglebox 2022 Highlights from this year's series. Shown 9pm C4 (AD)

12.15am Gogglebox: double bill (AD)

1.15 Gogglebox Festive Special (AD) **3.50-4.50am** Jamie's Easy Christmas (AD)

4seven F'view 49 **F'sat** 127 **Sky** 137 **Virgin** 143/HD 193

Quest

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6.00am How Do They Do It? **6.25** Find It, Fix It, Flog It **7.10** The Repair Shop **8.00** American Pickers

10.00 Chasing Classic Cars **11.00** Fifth Gear **12 noon** Massive Engineering Mistakes **1.00pm** Money for Nothing **2.00** The Repair Shop **3.00** Find It, Fix It, Flog It **4.00** Salvage Hunters **5.00** Salvage Hunters: the Restorers **6.00** Wheeler Dealers (AD) **7.00** Aussie Gold Hunters **8.00** Salvage Hunters **9.00** Saving Lives at Sea: the crews race to save a teenager swept out to sea

10.00 New. Estonia **12 midnight** Wheeler Dealers **1.00am** Chasing Classic Cars **2.00** Salvage Hunters: Classic Cars **3.00** Overhaulin'

4.00-5.00am New. Snooker

Quest Freeview 12 **Freesat** 172/HD 167 **Sky** 144 **Virgin** 169

+1 **Freeview** 70 **Freesat** 168 **Sky** 244 **Virgin** 213

Yesterday

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Bangers and Cash 9.00pm The team spruces up a 1970 Excalibur Roadstar

6.00am Impossible Engineering (AD) **8.00** Top Gear (AD) **9.00** The World at War **10.00** War Factories: a giant factory in Michigan **11.00** Great British Railway Journeys

12 noon Bangers and Cash: Restoring Classics (AD) **1.00pm** Bangers and Cash **2.00** Great British Railway Journeys **4.00** The World at War **5.00** War Factories

6.00pm WW2: Battles for Europe The Allies who entered Germany and ran into the imposing Siegfried Line defences.

7.00 Abandoned Engineering A secret Japanese facility that was once at the forefront of weapons technology. (AD)

8.00 Abandoned Engineering The structures made by Nikola Tesla in his quest to provide the US with free electricity. (AD)

9.00 Bangers and Cash A 1970 Excalibur Roadstar, which was once owned by Roy Orbison, arrives at Thornton-le-Dale.

10.00 Three MGs from the 70s arrive at the garage, still covered in original factory wax.

11.00 Abandoned Engineering The story behind an abandoned Second World War aviation facility in Farnborough. (AD)

12 midnight Top Gear (AD) **1.00-3.00am** Impossible Engineering: double bill (AD)

Yesterday Freeview 27 **Freesat** 159 **Sky** 155 **Virgin** 129 **+1** **Freeview** 75 **Sky** 255 **Virgin** 217

Dave

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7.10am Yianni: Supercar Customiser (AD) **8.00** Border Force: America's Gatekeepers (AD) **10.00** Travel Man: 48 Hours in Krakow (AD) **10.30** Travel Man: 48 Hours in Bergen: with Lou Sanders (AD) **11.00** Top Gear (AD)

12 noon Special Ops: Crime Squad UK (AD) **2.00pm** Top Gear (AD) **3.00** Rick Stein's Long Weekends (AD) **4.00** Top Gear (AD) **5.00** Top Gear USA Special (AD)

6.00pm QI XL With Aisling Bea, Lee Mack, Jason Manford and Alan Davies.

7.00 Richard Osman's House of Games With Dr Maggie Aderin-Pocock, the Rev Richard Coles, Stuart Maconie and Lou Sanders.

7.40 QI With panellists Nina Conti, Sean Lock, Bill Bailey and Alan Davies.

8.20 Would I Lie to You? Guests include Johnny Vegas and Anna Maxwell-Martin.

9.00 QI Sara Pascoe, Josh Widdicombe and Benjamin Zephaniah join the regulars.

10.00 FILM Bad Boys II ★★ Action comedy thriller starring Martin Lawrence and Will Smith as motormouth Miami cops Burnett and Lowrey, who are assigned to bring down a drugs lord. (W)

1.00am Mock the Week **1.40** Alan Davies: As Yet Untitled **2.35-4.00am** Comedians Giving Lectures

Dave F'view 19 **F'sat** 157 **Sky** 111 (Wales 112) **Virgin** HD 127

Dave **Ja Vu** Freeview 74 **Sky** 211 (Wales 212) **Virgin** 131

W

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6.10am Inside the Ambulance **7.00** DIY SOS: Grenfell **8.00** Tipping Point **10.00** Tipping Point: Lucky Stars **11.00** DIY SOS: Grenfell **12 noon** Inside the Ambulance **2.00pm** Tipping Point **4.00** DIY SOS: Grenfell **5.00** My Family (AD)

7.00pm MasterChef USA The contestants have 60 minutes to create a one-pan dish.

8.00 Nurses on the Ward A two-year-old with a high temperature needs attention. (AD)

9.00 DIY SOS: the Big Build The home of a stroke survivor in Cheshire needs work.

10.00 Gavin & Stacey The Shipmans visit Wales to spend Christmas with the Wests. (AD)

11.20 Miranda The shopkeeper makes a final attempt to find happiness. (AD)

12.10am Ski A&E **1.10** One Born Every Minute **2.10-3.00am** Inside the Ambulance at Christmas

W Freeview 25 **Freesat** 156 **Sky** 132 **Virgin** HD 125

+1 **Sky** 232 **Virgin** 190

5 USA

21

9.00am Entertainment News **9.05** NCIS (AD) **12 noon** Law & Order: six editions

6.00pm NCIS Series 16. Triple bill. McGee visits his former high school **7.00** The team investigates a man-overboard fatality from a navy destroyer **8.00** Jimmy's father-in-law asks him to tamper with evidence (AD) **9.00** NCIS Series 16. The submarine Gibbs and Bishop are aboard goes radio silent (AD) **10.00** Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Series 16 Double bill. A star accused of assaulting a young fan **10.55** Amaro is forced to get involved in his father's life **11.55** Criminal Minds

1.50am Law & Order **2.50** Law & Order: Criminal Intent **3.35-4.00am** Criminals: Caught on Camera

5 USA Freeview 21 **Freesat** 129 **Sky** 141 **Virgin** 153

+1 **Freesat** 130 **Sky** 241 **Virgin** 185

5 Star Freeview 21 **Freesat** 129 **Sky** 141 **Virgin** 153

+1 **Freesat** 130 **Sky** 241 **Virgin** 185

5 Star Freeview 21 **Freesat** 129 **Sky** 141 **Virgin** 153

+1 **Freesat** 130 **Sky** 241 **Virgin** 185

5 Star

32

8.00am Entertainment News **8.10** Rich Kids Go Skint **9.00** Car Pound Cops: Give Me My Car Back! **10.00** Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords **11.00** Shoplifters and Scammers: at War with the Law **12 noon** Entertainment News **12.05pm** Traffic Cops

2.05 Police Interceptors; three editions **5.10pm FILM Coming Home for Christmas** ★★ Romance starring Danica McKellar.

7.00 Shoplifters and Scammers: at War with the Law Two undercover officers try to persuade a suspect to return to a store.

8.00 New. Car Pound Cops: Give Me My Car Back! Vehicle recovery crews.

9.00 FILM Pain & Gain ★★ Action comedy starring Mark Wahlberg and Dwayne Johnson. A personal trainer plots a kidnapping.

11.50 FILM The Hunger Games: Mockingjay Part 1 ★★★★★ Adventure starring Jennifer Lawrence. Having survived two Hunger Games, Katniss Everdeen is to become a spearhead in their push against the might of the Capitol.

2.10 Car Pound Cops: Give Me My Car Back! **3.10-4.00am** Wanted

5 Star Freeview 32 **Freesat** 131 **Sky** 128 **Virgin** 151

+1 **Freesat** 141 **Sky** 228 **Virgin** 186

5 Star Freeview 32 **Freesat** 131 **Sky** 128 **Virgin** 151

+1 **Freesat** 141 **Sky** 228 **Virgin** 186

5 Star Freeview 32 **Freesat** 131 **Sky** 128 **Virgin** 151

+1 **Freesat** 141 **Sky** 228 **Virgin** 186

5 Action

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9.00am Trucking Hell (AD) **10.00** Police Interceptors **11.05 FILM** The Way West

★★★★ Western starring Kirk Douglas

1.30 FILM Ocean's Eleven ★★★★★ Crime caper starring Frank Sinatra. **Review p113**

4.00 Trucking Hell **5.00** Traffic Cops: officers have their hands full over the festive period.

6.00pm Police Interceptors A drink driver is more than three times over the legal limit.

7.00 The firearms team find themselves embroiled in a domestic incident.

8.00 In Nottingham, the knife-crime team pull over a group of men in a car.

9.00 Dog-handler Chris finds himself on the tail of a runaway car.

10.00 Motorway Cops: Catching Britain's Speeders PC Amy Hollis is called to the scene of a two-vehicle collision.

11.00 Fights, Camera, Action! A look at violent behaviour around World Cup football.

12 midnight 999: Criminals Caught on Camera

1.00am Lucifer **2.00** Professionals **3.00** Wanted

4.00 New. World's Deadliest Weather: Caught on Camera: holidaymakers surrounded by a wildfire

4.50-5.00am Entertainment News

5 Action F'view 33 **F'sat** 132 **Sky** 150 **Virgin** 187/HD 150

5 Select

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9.00 Entertainment News **9.10 FILM** A Gingerbread Christmas Romance ★★

11.05 FILM Snowbound for Christmas ★★

1.00pm GPs: behind Closed Doors (AD) **3.00** Classic Cash in the Attic: three editions

6.00pm World's Most Scenic River Journeys The St Lawrence in North America.

7.00 Tommy Steele: the Great Entertainer A profile of the singer and actor.

8.30 Cliff Richard: the Christmas King How the singer became a festive staple.

10.00 Forged in Fire A throwing knife.

10.55 Creating a deadly sabre.

11.50 Cash in the Attic A man who wants to raise money to restore a car.

12.50am Raising money for a media project.

1.50am Classic Cash in the Attic (AD)

3.35-4.00am The Yorkshire Vet (AD)

5 Select F'view (HD only) 56 **F'sat** 133 **Sky** 153 **Virgin** 152

FREEVIEW TV and film channels continue overleaf

FRIDAY Freeview & films

PBS America 84



Sabotage in Auschwitz
8.35pm A story of heroism

8.00am Beautiful Serengeti **8.30** McCarthy (S) **10.55** Sabotage in Auschwitz **11.55** Inside Japan's War (S) **1.00pm** Beautiful Serengeti **1.30** McCarthy (S) **4.00** Sabotage in Auschwitz **5.05** Inside Japan's War (S)

6.10pm McCarthy The rise and fall of Joseph McCarthy, the Wisconsin senator who would test the limits of American decency and democracy. (S)

8.35 Sabotage in Auschwitz The story of the women's underground operation to plot an uprising in Auschwitz-Birkenau, using smuggled gunpowder taken from the munitions factory.

9.50 Inside Japan's War 4/4 American bombing pounds the Japanese home islands and, in August 1945, atomic bombs fall on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. (S)

10.55 Sabotage in Auschwitz As 8.35pm.

12 midnight Boeing's Fatal Flaw: Boeing's flawed 737 Max jet **1.15-2.00am** Beautiful Serengeti
PBS America F'view 84 (1pm-12 midnight only) **Freesat** 155 **Sky** 174 **Virgin** 273

Pick 36

7.00am Border Security: America's Front Line (AD) **8.00** Motorway Patrol **9.00** Police Ten 7 **10.00** Nothing to Declare **11.00** Highway Patrol **12 noon** Highway Cops (AD) **1.00pm** Border Patrol **2.00** Border Security: America's Front Line (AD) **3.00** Nothing to Declare (AD) **4.00** Star Trek: the Next Generation **5.00** Star Trek: Enterprise **6.00** Star Trek: Deep Space Nine **7.00** Hawaii Five-O: McGarrett and the team join forces with the DEA **8.00** Nothing to Declare **9.00** Strike Back: Shadow Warfare: Stonebridge's health deteriorates quickly **10.00** Mark of a Serial Killer **11.00** World's Most Evil Killers **12 midnight** Britain's Most Evil Killers **1.00am** The Force: Manchester **2.00** Nothing to Declare (AD) **3.00** Border Patrol **4.00** Motorway Patrol (AD) **5.00-6.00am** Police Ten 7

Pick F'view 36 F'sat 144 **Sky** 151 **Virgin** 156

HGTV 44

7.00am Escape to the Country (AD) **8.00** The Restoration Man **9.00** A Place in the Sun **10.00** Homes under the Hammer **11.00** Escape to the Country **12 noon** My Lottery Dream Home **1.00pm** Married to Real Estate **2.00** My Dream Derelict Home in the Sun **3.00** The Restoration Man **4.00** Good Bones **5.00** Homes under the Hammer **6.00pm** A Place in the Sun **7.00** Escape to the Country **9.00** My Lottery Dream Home: double bill **10.00** For the Love of Kitchens **11.00** Married to Real Estate **12 midnight** Escape to the Country **1.00am** Homes under the Hammer **2.00** Good Bones **3.00-4.00am** My Lottery Dream Home

HGTV F'view 44 F'sat 166 **Sky** 158 **Virgin** 286
+1 **Sky** 258 **Virgin** 290

FREEVIEW channels
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Smithsonian 57



Battle of Midway: the True Story 8.00pm A turning point

6.00am Aerial America (HD) **10.00** Aerial Greece (HD) **11.00** How Did They Build That? (HD) **1.00pm** Epic Yellowstone (HD) **3.00** Aerial Argentina **4.00** How Did They Build That?: double bill (HD)

6.00pm The Hunt for Hitler's Missing Millions A quest to uncover the extent of Adolf Hitler's wealth. (HD)

7.00 Adolf Island A Nazi concentration camp secretly set up on the Channel Islands. (HD)

8.00 Battle of Midway: the True Story How the battle made victory in the Pacific possible. (HD)

9.00 WWII Battles in Colour 3/6. Life and death on the battlefield of El Alamein. (HD) **10.00 4/6.** The Battle of Kursk, between German and Soviet forces on the Eastern Front. (HD)

11.00 Battle of Midway: the True Story As 8pm.

12 midnight WWII Battles in Colour (HD) **2.00am** Air Warriors (HD) **3.00-6.00am** Aerial America (HD)

Smithsonian Freeview (HD only) 57 **Freesat** 175 **Sky** 171 **Virgin** 276

Great TV 50

6.00am Sue Thomas: F.B.Eye **8.00** Highway to Heaven **10.00** Movie News **10.10 FILM** Christmas with the Andersons ★★ Comedy **11.50** Movie News **12 noon** Castle **1.00pm** Body of Proof **3.00** Sue Thomas: F.B.Eye **5.00** Murder, She Wrote **7.00** M*A*S*H **9.00** Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased) **10.00** The Persuaders! **11.00** Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? **12 midnight** M*A*S*H **2.00am** Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased) **3.00** Sue Thomas: F.B.Eye **4.30-6.00am** Highway to Heaven

Great TV Freeview 50 (limited) **Freesat** 142 **Sky** 157 **Virgin** 189 **+1** **Freesat** 143 **Sky** 257

RealityXtra 68

9.00am Perry Mason **11.00** Matlock **12 noon** NCIS **1.00pm** JAG **3.00** Perry Mason **5.00** Unsolved Mysteries **6.55** Judge Judy **9.00** NCIS: Tony investigates a secretive society **10.00** Unsolved Mysteries: double bill. The story of a blimp that crashed during the Second World War, then accounts of a ghostly submarine **11.55** Judge Judy: five editions **2.00am** NCIS **3.00** Evidence of Evil **5.00-6.00am** Matlock

RealityXtra Freeview 68 **Freesat** 134 **Sky** 147 **Virgin** 197

BBC Parliament 232

7.00am Westminster Hall: House of Commons proceedings **10.00** Live House of Lords **3.00pm** House of Lords: recorded coverage **6.00** Select Committees: coverage of the work of committees set up to investigate public policy and society **9.00** Scottish First Minister's Questions: recorded coverage **10.00-6.00am** Scottish Parliament: recorded coverage of debates on issues affecting Scotland

BBC Parliament Freeview 232 **Freesat** 201 **Sky** 504 **Virgin** 605

Food Network 43



Nigella Bites 9.00pm The chef shares festive recipes

6.00am Rachael Ray's Easy Holiday Feast (HD) **7.00** Cake Wars (HD) **8.00** James Martin: Home Comforts at Christmas (S) (AD) (HD) **9.00** Gordon Ramsay's Ultimate Christmas (S) (HD) **10.00** The Pioneer Woman (S) (HD) **10.30** Barefoot Contessa: back to Basics (S) (HD) **11.00** Nigella Bites **12 noon** Michel Roux: Christmas in Provence (HD) **1.00pm** Nigel Slater's 12 Tastes of Christmas (S) (HD) **2.00** James Martin: Home Comforts at Christmas (S) (AD) (HD) **3.00** Gordon Ramsay's Ultimate Christmas (S) (HD) **4.00** Nigella Bites **5.00** The Pioneer Woman (S) (HD) **5.30** Barefoot Contessa: back to Basics (S) (HD) **6.00** Nigel Slater's 12 Tastes of Christmas (S) (HD) **7.00** Michel Roux: Christmas in Provence (HD) **8.00** James Martin: Home Comforts at Christmas (S) (AD) (HD) **9.00** Nigella Bites **10.00** Nigel Slater's 12 Tastes of Christmas (S) (HD) **11.00** New. Cake Wars (HD) **12 midnight** Nigella Bites **1.00am** Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives (S) (HD) **2.00-3.00am** Michel Roux's French Country Cooking (S) (AD) (HD)

Food Network Freeview 43 **Freesat** 148 **Sky** 140 **Virgin** 285

Blaze 64

6.00am Hardcore Pawn **7.45** Storm Stories **8.40** Ancient Aliens **10.40** Storage Wars Canada **11.10** Storage Wars **12.10pm** Pawn Stars **2.05** Hardcore Pawn **4.00** Ancient Aliens **6.00** Storm Stories **7.00** Auction Hunters: Pawn Shop Edition **8.00** Dickinson's Real Deal: an interesting selection of pens turns up on Stewart Hofgartner's table and a huge collection of silverware is appraised as the show visits Grantham **9.00** Walking through History: double bill. The Tudor heritage of the Weald in Kent and the Downs of East Sussex **11.00** The Search for the Tesla Files **12 midnight** House In Between **1.30am** Conspiracy Files: Unsealed **2.00** Auction Hunters: Pawn Shop Edition **3.00** Dickinson's Real Deal **3.45** Storage Wars Canada **4.10-6.00am** Pawn Stars

Blaze F'view 64 F'sat 162 **Sky** 164 **Virgin** 199

Challenge 48

7.00am The Chase **10.00** Supermarket Sweep **11.00** Family Fortunes **12 noon** Wheel of Fortune (AD) **1.00pm** Catchphrase (AD) **2.00** Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? **3.00** Family Fortunes (AD) **4.00** Bruce's Price Is Right (AD) **5.00** Bullseye: double bill **6.00pm** Cash Trapped: quiz hosted by Bradley Walsh **7.00** Pointless Celebrities: with Chris Packham and Martin Hughes-Games, Tom Heap and Jules Hudson, Miranda Krestovnikoff and Paul Heiney, and Naomi Wilkinson and Bill Oddie **8.00** The Chase: double bill **10.00** Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?: a classic episode of the award-winning quiz show presented by Chris Tarrant **11.00** Bullseye **12 midnight** The Chase **4.00am** Scrapheap Challenge: building a tow tug **5.00-6.00am** Bullseye

Challenge Freeview 48 **Freesat** 146 **Sky** 145 **Virgin** 160

CHILDREN'S

Milkshake! on C5

5.35am Fireman Sam **5.45** Pip and Posy **6.00** Peppa Pig **6.10** New. The Secret Life of Puppies **6.15** New. Oggy Oggy **6.25** Blue's Clues & You **6.45** Fireman Sam **6.55** Thomas & Friends: All Engines Go! **7.10** Peppa Pig **7.30** Paw Patrol **7.50** Milo **8.05** Pip and Posy **8.15** Paddington **8.30** Paw Patrol **8.45** New. Daisy & Ollie **8.55** Odo **9.05** Sunny Bunnies **9.10-9.15am** New. Let's Go Treasure Seeking!

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CBeebies 202

6.00am Raa Raa **6.10** Bing **6.20** Teletubbies **6.30** Tee and Mo **6.40** Tish Tash **6.45** Chuggington **6.55** Bing **7.05** Hey Duggee **7.20** Bluey **7.35** Go Jetters **7.45** Peter Rabbit **8.00** Stick Man **8.30** Nick Cope's Popcast **8.35** Justin's House **9.00** Bing **9.10** Yakka Dee! **9.15** Messy Goes to OKIDO **9.25** Colourblocks **9.30** Twirlywoos **9.45** Something Special **10.05** Teletubbies **10.20** The Baby Club **10.35** Tiny Wonders **10.40** Hey Duggee **10.45** Roots and Fruits **10.50** Kiri & Lou **11.00** Olga Da Polga **11.10** Let's Go for a Walk **11.25** School of Roars **11.30** Teeny Tiny Creatures **11.45** Our Family **12 noon** My World Kitchen **12.10pm** Andy's Dinosaur Adventures **12.25** Waffle **12.35** Tee and Mo **12.45** Go Jetters **1.00** Yakka Dee! **1.05** Numberblocks **1.10** Alphablocks **1.15** Dog Loves Books **1.20** Hey Duggee **1.30** Love Monster **1.35** Nick Cope's Popcast **1.45** Something Special **2.05** My Petsaurus **2.05** Teletubbies **2.20** Bluey **2.25** Go Jetters **2.35** Hey Duggee **2.40** Ranger Hamza's Eco Quest **2.55** Grace's Amazing Machines **3.10** Swashbuckle **3.35** Hey Duggee **3.45** Teeny Tiny Creatures **4.00** Dog Squad **4.10** Go Jetters **4.20** Bluey **4.35** Supertato **4.45** Spidey and His Amazing Friends **5.00** Blue Peter **5.30** Nick Cope's Popcast: Elf **5.35** JoJo & Gran Gran **5.45** Moon and Me **6.10** Clangers **6.20** In the Night Garden... **6.50** Hushabye Lullabye **6.50-7.00pm** New. CBeebies Bedtime Stories

CBeebies F'view 202 F'sat 608 **Sky** 608 **Virgin** 702

CBBC 201

7.00am Shaun the Sheep **7.05** Sketchy Comedy **7.10** Danger Mouse **7.20** Dennis & Gnasher **7.35** Boy Girl Dog Cat **7.45** New. Newsround **7.55** Ninja Express **8.10** Odd Squad **8.20** Do Try This at Home **8.35** Gym Stars **9.00** The Next Step **9.20** Deadly 60 **9.50** Nine Minute Ninja **10.00** Horrible Histories **10.30** Operation Ouch 5!; Our CBBC **11.00** Bitesize Daily **11.20** Wow That's Amazing **11.35** One Zoo Three **11.55** Our School **12.20pm** Dragons: Riders of Berk **12.40** Boy Girl Dog Cat **12.50** Shaun the Sheep **1.00** Jacqueline Wilson's Wonderful World **2.00** Danger Mouse **2.20** Nine Minute Ninja **2.30** 4 o'Clock Club **3.00** Diddy Bits **3.05** New. Clipheads **3.20** New. Best in the World **3.35** Dennis & Gnasher **4.00** Boy Girl Dog Cat **4.10** Odd Squad **4.25** Shaun the Sheep **5.00** New. Blue Peter **5.30** Gangsta Granny Strikes Again **6.35-7.00pm** New. The Next Step

CBBC F'view 201 F'sat 607 **Sky** 607 **Virgin** 701

CITV

6.00am Scooby-Doo **6.25** Dare Master **6.30** Thunderbirds Are Go **7.00** Mr Magoo **7.30** Lloyd of the Flies **7.45** Dave Spud **8.00** Inspector Gadget **8.15** Dorg Van Dango **8.30** Scooby-Doo **9.50** Dave Spud **10.00** Teen Titans Go! **10.30** DC Super Hero Girls **11.00** Mr Bean: the Animated Series **11.30** Mr Magoo **12 noon** Mighty Mike **12.35pm** Makeaway Takeaway **1.00** How **1.30** Spy School **1.55** Tata and Kuma **2.00** Robozuna **2.30** Thunderbirds Are Go **2.55** Tata and Kuma **3.00** Captain Underpants **3.30** Scooby-Doo **4.30** Mr Magoo **5.00** Lloyd of the Flies **5.15** Dave Spud **5.30** Inspector Gadget **5.45** Dorg Van Dango **6.00** Makeaway Takeaway **6.30** Teen Titans Go! **7.00** Jurassic World Camp Cretaceous **7.30** Scooby-Doo **8.00** How **8.25** Mr Bean: the Animated Series **8.55-9.00pm** Dare Master

CITV F'view 203 F'sat 602 **Sky** 612 **Virgin** 734

FILMS

Film4 14

11.00am Kansas Raiders ★★★ Audie Murphy is well cast as a teenage Jesse James in this reliable western. Brian Donlevy (1950) (S) **12.40pm Ten Tall Men ★★★** Burt Lancaster gives a typically roguish turn as an imprisoned sergeant in a robust and often comedic tale of the Foreign Legion that's well worth watching. (1951, U) (S) **2.50 Hobson's Choice ★★★★** Charles Laughton is superb as a drunken cobbler whose easy life is threatened in this classic comedy. John Mills, Brenda de Banzie (1953, U) (S) (AD)

5.00 Flight of the Navigator ★★★★★ Appealing sci-fi adventure about a young boy who encounters an alien spacecraft and disappears for eight years. Joey Cramer (1986, U) (S)

6.55pm Uncle Drew ★★ Basketball comedy starring various NBA legends. **Review, right.** Tiffany Haddish (2018, 12) (S)

9.00 Bloodshot ★★ Vin Diesel is resurrected as an augmented super-soldier in this run-of-the-mill action adventure. (2020, 12) (S)

11.10 The Oak Room ★★★ Clever indie mystery in which RJ Mitte's criminal spins a story in order to buy himself some time. **Review, right.** (2020) (S)

12.55-4.00am The Square ★★★★★ Farcical satire from the director of *Force Majeure*, about the bizarre goings-on around an art exhibition opening. Claes Bang (2017, 15) (S)

Film4 Freeview 14 **Freesat** 300

Sky 313 **Virgin** 428/HD 429

+1 F'view 47 F'sat 301 **Sky** 314 **Virgin** 430

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6.00am The Invisible Message ★★ Western. "Big Boy" Williams (1935) (S) **7.10 Adam and Evelynne ★★★** Stagey romance about a gambler and his former ward. Stewart Granger, Jean Simmons (1949, U) (S) **9.00 The Singer Not the Song ★★** Offbeat, bizarrely cast western with John Mills as a fiery catholic priest who faces off against camp Mexican bandit Dirk Bogarde. (1960, PG) (S) **11.40 R.A.F. Documentary** from 1935. (S) **12.40pm The Hornet's Nest ★★** Slight B-movie comedy. Paul Carpenter, June Thorburn, Marla Landi (1955, U) (S) **1.55 Nurse Edith Cavell ★★** Anna Neagle plays the First World War hero in this sober yet affecting drama. (1939, PG) (S) **3.55 Emergency ★★** Anaemic British drama in which the police help a couple to find a blood donor for their young daughter. Glyn Houston (1962, 12) (S) **5.10 Dragonwyck ★★★★★** Enjoyably camp gothic melodrama in which Vincent Price hams it up as the master of the sinister Dragonwyck estate. (1946, PG)

7.15pm Nurse on Wheels ★★ Juliet Mills and a group of British comedy stalwarts star in this *Carry On*-style comedy. Ronald Lewis (1963, U) (S)

9.05 The Other ★★★★★ Atmospheric drama in which a ten-year-old boy claims that a series of murders were carried out by his dead twin. **Review, right.** (1972, 12) (S)

11.05 Bloodbath at the House of Death ★ Painfully thin horror comedy. Kenny Everett (1983, 18) (S)

12.55am Hysteria ★★ Disturbing sci-fi thriller. Patrick McGeehan (1997, 18) (S)

3.05 How I Won the War ★★★★★ Surreal war satire starring Michael Crawford as an inept officer and featuring John Lennon as one of his squaddies. (1967, 12) (S) **5.20-6.00am Four Star Theatre** Drama.

Talking Pictures TV Freeview 82 **Freesat** 306 **Sky** 328 **Virgin** 445



FILM REVIEWS



FILM OF THE DAY

Late Night ★★★

11.25pm-1.00am **BBC1** (starts 12 midnight in N Ireland, 12.30am in Scotland)

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COMEDY DRAMA This movie is a hoot, thanks to the presence of national treasure Emma Thompson and a star-making turn from Asian-American actress Mindy Kaling, who also wrote the screenplay. Thompson plays the host of a long-running late-night US chat show, whose position is under threat as ratings decline. Enter Kaling's TV newbie, arbitrarily hired to improve the diversity of the show's gag-writing team, but whose naivety, nous and gushing delight prove to have a positive effect. **DAVE ALDRIDGE** (US 2019, swearing, HD)

Ocean's Eleven ★★★★★

1.30-4.00pm **5 Action**

PG

CAPER The story for this critically underrated movie was discovered by Peter Lawford and brought to fellow Rat Rack member Frank Sinatra, who effectively produced the movie. He also cast himself as former sergeant Danny Ocean, who calls on his old wartime pals to help pull a heist in Las Vegas. Directed by veteran Lewis Milestone, it's sleek, audacious and superbly cast. **TONY SLOMAN** (US 1960, HD)

Uncle Drew ★★

6.55-9.00pm **Film4**

12

COMEDY Real-life basketball star Kyrie Irving plays a slam-dunking pensioner in this good-natured movie. When a New York street team has its best player stolen by a rival outfit, it's up to Uncle Drew to reassemble his crew to battle for the city's "streetball" trophy. The film is studded with NBA legends – including Shaquille O'Neal and Chris Webber – but it's somewhat short of genuine laughs. **TREVOR JOHNSTON** (US 2018, edited for content, HD)

27 Dresses ★★★

8.00-10.10pm **ITVBe**

12

ROMCOM In this reassuringly familiar movie, Katherine Heigl plays a woman who is

concerns a ten-year-old boy (a wonderful Chris Udvarnoky) who claims that a series of murders are the work of his dead identical twin. Slow-moving but increasingly disturbing, this marked the only horror film on the CV of Robert Mulligan, director of *To Kill a Mockingbird*.

DAVID MCGILLIVRAY

(US 1972, violence, swearing)

Resident Evil ★★★

10.45pm-12.45am **Legend**

15

HORROR Genetic research workers are turned into ravenous zombies in director Paul Anderson's video-game adaptation. The thrills hinge on grisly special effects, breakneck pacing and hard-hitting fight sequences, as Milla Jovovich and a team of soldiers move through progressively dangerous levels to wipe out the undead. **SLOAN FREER** (Ger/UK/Fr 2002, violence, swearing, brief nudity)

The Oak Room ★★★

11.10pm-12.55am **Film4**

15

MYSTERY This engaging Canadian mystery sees debt-ridden Steve (RJ Mitte) return to a bar run by Paul (Peter Outerbridge), who is less than pleased to see him. With another of his creditors on the way, Steve buys himself time by telling a meandering yarn involving a half-frozen stranger (Martin Roach). This is a cleverly constructed and occasionally fiendish film in which words are used as weapons. **JAMES MOTTRAM** (Can 2020, violence, swearing, HD)

Sky Cinema picks

White Christmas ★★★★★

12.30-2.35pm **Sky Christmas**
Bing Crosby sings. (1954, U)
Sky 303; Virgin 410; BT 510/524

Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire ★★★★★

2.10-4.50pm
Sky Wizarding World
Magical thrills on Sky's new pop-up channel. (2005, 12)
Sky 302, Virgin 402, BT 502/516

True Grit ★★★★★

8.00-10.00pm **Sky Hits**
Fine western remake. (2010, 15)
Sky 310, Virgin 403, BT 503/517

2 Days in the Valley ★★★

10.00-11.50pm **Sky Thriller**
Quirky LA crime tale. (1996, 18)
Sky 309; Virgin 409; BT 509/523

Films to stream from p36
Netflix, Amazon, Disney+ and more

Sky Premiere

6.15am The Cinema List: Sports Films **6.50 Together Together** As 3.10pm **8.25 Inbetween Girl** ★★★ Drama. (2021) **10.00 The Nan Movie** As 9.35pm **11.40 The Amazing Maurice** As 8pm **1.20pm This Is Christmas** ★★★ Feel-good British festive romcom. Alfred Enoch (2022) **3.10 Together Together** ★★★ Bittersweet romcom. Ed Helms (2021, 15) **4.55 The Batman** ★★★ Starry, ultra-moody take on DC's iconic crime-fighter. Robert Pattinson (2022, 15) **8.00pm The Amazing Maurice** ★★★ Fun, sharp animated fantasy about a ginger cat. **Review p44.** Hugh Laurie, (2022, PG) **9.35 The Nan Movie** ★ Catherine Tate stars in this woeful big-screen road comedy. (2022, 15) **11.15 The Outfit** ★★★ Mark Rylance's tailor lets mobsters use his store in this crime drama. (2022, 15) **1.05am The Northman** ★★★★★ Spectacular Viking revenge saga, with striking imagery and a great cast. Alexander Skarsgård (2022, 15) **3.30 This Is Christmas** As 1.20pm **5.20 Sky Cinema Preview**
Sky Premiere Sky 301 Virgin 401 BT 501/HD 515 +1 Sky 312

Great Movies 34

9.00am Paint by Murder ★★★ Enjoyable, twisting thriller set in the high-stakes art market. Alexis Lemire (2018) **11.00 Lifetime of Lies** ★★ Mystery drama. Shenae Grimes-Beech (2016) **1.00pm Lost Letter Mysteries for Christmas** **3.00 Fixer Upper** Mysteries: Deadly Deed **5.00 Solar Attack** ★★ Routine sci-fi adventure. Mark Dacascos, Louis Gossett Jr (2005) **6.50pm Diamond Hunters** ★★ Soapy drama based on Wilbur Smith's novel. Alyssa Milano (2001, 12) **9.00 Big Game** ★★★ US President Samuel L Jackson's plane crash-lands in the Finnish wilderness. Onni Tömmä (2014, 15) **10.50 Hanna** ★★★★★ Outstanding thriller which blends a fairy-tale atmosphere with expertly staged action sequences. Saoirse Ronan (2011, 12) **1.05am Personal Shopper** ★★★★★ Haunting psychological thriller. Kristen Stewart (2016, 15) **3.25-5.50am What's Eating Gilbert Grape** ★★★ Sweet, low-key comedy drama. Johnny Depp, Juliette Lewis, Mary Steenburgen (1993, 12)
Great Movies Freeview 34 Freesat 302 Sky 321 Virgin 425 +1 Freeview 61 (limited 10pm-5am) Sky 322

Great Movies Christmas

6.00am Lucky Christmas ★★ Romance. (2011) **8.00 Girlfriends of Christmas Past** ★★ Romantic comedy. (2016) **10.00 Beaus of Holly** ★★ Romantic comedy. (2020) **12 noon Merry Ex-Mas** ★★ Comedy drama. Kristy Swanson (2014) **2.00pm Will You Merry Me** ★★ Romantic comedy. Tommy Lioutas (2008, PG) **4.00 Family for Christmas** ★★ Fantasy. (2015) **6.00pm Kristin's Christmas Past** ★★ Watchable fantasy comedy with a *Back to the Future*-ish plot. (2013, PG) **8.00 Correcting Christmas** ★★ A woman has the opportunity to change the past. Kelly Overton (2014) **10.00 The Nine Lives of Christmas** ★★ Predictable comedy. Brandon Routh, Kimberly Sustad (2014) **12 midnight A Puppy for Christmas** ★★ Romance. (2016) **2.10am Highway to Heaven** **3.00 A Golden Christmas** ★★ Romcom. (2009, U) **4.30-6.00am Love for Christmas** ★★ Romcom. Shantel VanSanten (2012)
Great Movies Christmas F'view 52 (limited) Freesat 303 Sky 319 Virgin 424 +1 F'view 63 (limited 10pm-5am) F'sat 304 Sky 320

TCM Movies

6.05am The Man from UNCLE: double bill **8.25 Rio Bravo** ★★★★★ Classic western in which a sheriff stands firm against a powerful cattle baron. John Wayne, Dean Martin (1958, PG) **11.15** The Man from UNCLE: double bill **1.30pm The Ladykillers** ★★★★★ Wonderfully seedy and sinister comedy. Alec Guinness, Cecil Parker (1955, U) **3.25 Fort Worth** ★★ Western. Randolph Scott, David Brian (1951, U) **5.10 The Karate Killers** ★★ Spy adventure. Robert Vaughn, David McCallum (1967, PG) **7.00pm Murder Most Foul** ★★★ Miss Marple treads the boards to find a killer in this entertaining mystery. Margaret Rutherford (1964, U) **9.00 The Quiet Ones** ★★ Potent performances make up for the overfamiliar plot of this occult shocker. Jared Harris (2013, 15) **11.00 Empire State** ★★ Strange-but-true crime yarn. Liam Hemsworth, Emma Roberts, Dwayne Johnson (2013, 15) **1.00am Gun Fight** ★★ Standard western with eye-catching Wyoming landscapes. James Brown (1961, U) **2.20 Off Set** **2.30 Close Up** **5.00** Hollywood's Best Film Directors
TCM Movies Sky 315 Virgin 415/HD 416 +1 Sky 316 Virgin 417

Great Movies Action

6.00am M*A*S*H **7.00 Submarine Raider** ★★ War drama. John Howard (1942, U) **8.25 Shockwave** ★★ Action thriller. Stacey Oristano (2017) **10.15 Steel Tempest** ★★ Second World War drama. Simon Kirke (2000, 15) **12 noon M*A*S*H** **1.00pm Badland** ★★ Episodic western. Kevin Makely (2019) **3.30 The Deadly Companions** ★★ Gripping psychological western. Maureen O'Hara, Brian Keith (1961, PG) **5.15 The Two-Headed Spy** ★★ Taut, tense spy saga. Jack Hawkins (1958, U) **7.10pm Scorpio One** ★★ Sci-fi thriller in which a CIA agent investigates a space station. (1998, 12) **9.00 13** ★★ Sam Riley is entered into an underground Russian Roulette competition. (2010, 15) **10.50 Son of a Gun** ★★ Ewan McGregor plays against type as a bank robber who's busted out of jail in this decent crime drama. (2013, 15) **1.05am Johnny Mnemonic** ★ Sci-fi thriller. Keanu Reeves (1995, 15) **3.00-4.00am** The War in Europe
Great Movies Action Freeview 42 (limited) F'sat 305 Sky 323 Virgin 426 +1 Sky 324

Legend

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8.00am Walker, Texas Ranger **9.00** Knight Rider **10.00** Star Trek: the Next Generation **11.00 The Philadelphia Experiment** ★★ Sci-fi adventure. Nicholas Lea, Malcolm McDowell (2012, 12) **1.00pm Silent Running** ★★★★★ Imaginative, much-admired sci-fi drama with an ecological message. Bruce Dern (1971, U) **3.00 Meteorites!** ★ Disaster thriller. Tom Wopat, Roxanne Hart (1998, PG) **5.00** Star Trek **6.00pm Star Trek: the Next Generation** TV sci-fi adventure. **7.00 Knight Rider** TV sci-fi. **8.00 Walker, Texas Ranger** TV action drama starring Chuck Norris. **9.00 Sniper: Special Ops** ★★ By-the-numbers drama about a rescue mission in Afghanistan. (2016, 15) **10.45 Resident Evil** ★★ Undemanding but effective sci-fi action horror adapted from the video game. Milla Jovovich (2002, 15) **12.45am The Quiet Ones** ★★ Science vs occult shocker from the reborn Hammer Films. Jared Harris, Sam Claflin, Olivia Cooke (2013, 15) **2.40-4.30am Matriarch** ★★★★★ Slick, harrowing horror. Charlie Blackwood, Julie Hannan (2018, 15)
Legend F'view 41 F'sat 137 Sky 148 Virgin 149

Sky Showcase



Young Rock 7.30pm In 2033, Dwayne is feeling nostalgic

6.00am The Early Rundown (HD)
7.00 Sky News Breakfast (HD) **8.00** Hope for Wildlife (S) (HD) **9.00** Nothing to Declare (S) (HD) **10.00** Road Wars (S) **11.00** NCIS: New Orleans (S) (HD) **1.00pm** Hawaii Five-O (S) (HD) **2.00** S.W.A.T. (S) (AD) (HD) **3.00** Extreme Snakes (HD) **4.00** Will & Grace (S) (AD) (HD) **5.00** The Simpsons (S) (HD) **5.30** Futurama (S) (AD)

6.30pm The Simpsons There is a death in Springfield. (S)
7.00 Marge starts her own sandwich shop. (S)

7.30 Young Rock Ep 4 Series 3 Teenage Dwayne is locked in with his father overnight. (HD)

8.00 A League of Their Own A Christmas edition, with Tony Bellew, Eve Muirhead, John Barnes and David Seaman. (HD)

9.00 Micky Flanagan: an' Another Fing Live Stand-up show filmed at London's O2 Arena. (S)

11.00 Never Mind the Buzzcocks A festive special, with Claire Richards, Tom Allen and Pete Doherty. **See p106.** (HD)

12 midnight Caught on Dashcam (HD) **1.00am** The Russell Howard Hour: a Christmas special (HD) **1.45** Road Wars (S) **2.40** Street Crime UK (S) **3.10** Hawaii Five-O (S) (HD) **4.05** S.W.A.T. (S) (AD) (HD) **5.00-6.00am** Motorway Patrol (S) (AD)

Sky Showcase Sky 106 Virgin 110/HD 109 BT 340/HD 355 **+1** Sky 206

Sky Sci-Fi

6.00am Fact or Faked: Paranormal Files **7.00** The Librarians **8.00** Home Shopping **11.00 V 12 noon** Star Trek: the Next Generation **2.00pm** Warehouse 13 **3.00** The Librarians **4.00 V 5.00** Stargate SG-1

6.00pm Star Trek: the Next Generation 6/26 Series 4. The crew members encounter the sister of deceased colleague Tasha Yar, but are unsure if she can be trusted. **7.00 7/26.** Picard is involved in a Klingon power struggle and Worf confronts Duras, who falsely accused his father of treachery.

8.00 Merlin 4/13 Series 3. When Merlin and Arthur find themselves outnumbered in a brawl, an enigmatic young stranger, Gwaine, helps them out. But when Arthur takes him back to Camelot, Gwaine causes trouble for Merlin.

9.00 Lake Placid ★★★ Adventure thriller starring Bill Pullman, Bridget Fonda and Oliver Platt. A giant crocodile terrorises a lake in Maine.

11.00 Chucky Ep 5 Series 2. Devon worries that Good Chucky cannot be trusted, while the surprise party causes Tiffany to spiral. **12 midnight Ep 6.** The Catholic School of the Incarnate Lord goes on lockdown with the Chucky dolls inside. Nica's plan moves forward.

1.00am Wynonna Earp **2.00** Stargate SG-1 **3.00 V 4.00-6.00am** Star Trek: the Next Generation

Sky Sci-Fi Sky 139 Virgin 139/HD 138 BT 348/HD 363 **+1** Virgin 229

Sky Atlantic



True Detective 1.15pm Hart deals with the consequences

6.00am Storm City (S) (AD) (HD) **7.45** Gomorrah (S) (HD) **10.00** True Blood (S) (HD) **1.15pm** True Detective (S) (AD) (HD) **3.30** Gomorrah (S) (HD)

5.45pm The Baby 4/8. Natasha must reunite with her mother Barbara, whom she has not seen in 15 years. (S) (AD) (HD)

6.30 I Hate Suzie 7/8. Naomi and Suzie attend director Hal Holloway's press night. (S) (AD) (HD) **7.10 8/8.** Suzie decides to take control of her life. (S) (AD) (HD)

7.55 Game of Thrones 4/10 Series 2. Tyrion tries to find a way to curb Joffrey's excesses. Catelyn urges the Baratheon brothers to unite against the Lannisters.

9.00 5/10. The end of the Baratheon brothers' rivalry provides Lord Baelish with a chance to further his ambitions.

10.05 6/10. Joffrey's rule prompts the people of King's Landing to riot. Qhorin gives Jon a chance to prove himself.

11.10 7/10. Theon embarks on a hunt as he tries to prove his Ironborn status. Jaime Lannister meets a relative among Robb Stark's captives. (S) (AD) (HD)

12.15am I Know This Much Is True (S) (AD) (HD) **1.45** The Wire (S) (HD) **2.50** The White Lotus (HD)

4.00-6.00am Storm City (S) (AD) (HD)

Sky Atlantic Sky 108 (Wales 109) BT 342/HD 357 **+1** Sky 208 (Wales 209)

Sky Witness

6.00am 911 Crisis Centre (HD) **7.00** Border Patrol (S) (HD) **9.00** Road Wars (S) **10.00** Paramedics Australia (HD) **11.00** The Good Doctor (S) (HD) **12 noon** The Rookie (S) (AD) (HD) **1.00pm** FBI (S) (AD) (HD) **2.00** Blue Bloods (HD) **3.00** Nothing to Declare (S) (HD) **5.00** Caught on Dashcam (HD)

6.00pm 911 Crisis Centre Arnold trains a new dispatcher. (HD) **6.30** Abby answers a call from an address connected to Donna. (HD)

7.00 New. Paramedics Australia Cameras capture moments of compassion, giving insight into the lives of emergency workers. (HD)

8.00 Blue Bloods 8/20 Series 12 Danny partners with Anthony to solve a double homicide. (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 New. FBI: Most Wanted 22/22 Series 3. When an oligarch goes on a terror spree in an attempt to escape an impossible situation, the team gives chase. (HD)

10.00 The Rookie 8/22 Series 4 The team searches for a citizen who is threatening to cause a mass casualty event. (S) (AD) (HD)

11.00 Blue Bloods 5/20 Series 12 Jamie and Eddie experience marital tension when Eddie allows her father to live with them. (S) (AD) (HD)

12 midnight 9-1-1 (S) (HD) **1.00am** Coroner (HD) **2.00** The Good Doctor (HD) **3.00** Road Wars: double bill (S) **5.00-6.00am** Brit Cops: Frontline Crime UK (S)

Sky Witness Sky 107 Virgin 112/HD 111 BT 341/HD 356 **+1** Sky 207 Virgin 220

Sky Max



Never Mind the Buzzcocks 10.00pm Greg Davies hosts

6.00am Stop, Search, Seize (S) (HD) **8.00** DC's Legends of Tomorrow (S) (AD) (HD) **9.00** The Blacklist (S) (AD) (HD) **10.00** Road Wars (S) (AD) **11.00** NCIS: New Orleans (S) (HD) **1.00pm** Hawaii Five-O (S) (HD) **2.00** S.W.A.T. (S) (AD) (HD) **3.00** The Blacklist (S) (AD) (HD) **4.00** DC's Legends of Tomorrow (S) (AD) (HD) **5.00** There's Something about Christmas Movies (S) (AD) (HD)

6.00pm NCIS: New Orleans 7/24 Series 2. The team investigates the theft of a donor heart. (S) (HD) **7.00 8/24.** Witnesses in a case are placed in mortal danger. (S) (HD)

8.00 A League of Their Own With Tony Bellew, Eve Muirhead, John Barnes and David Seaman. (HD)

9.00 An Idiot Abroad 3/3 Series 3. Karl Pilkington and Warwick Davis arrive in China. (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 New. Never Mind the Buzzcocks A festive edition, with Claire Richards, Tom Allen and Pete Doherty. **See p107.** (HD)

11.00 Micky Flanagan's Christmas The comedian looks at the festive season. (S) (AD) (HD)

12 midnight The Russell Howard Hour (HD) **12.45am** Road Wars (S) (HD) **2.35** Street Crime UK (S) (HD)

3.05 Hawaii Five-O (S) (HD) **4.00** S.W.A.T. (S) (AD) (HD) **5.00-6.00am** Highway Patrol (S) (HD)

Sky Max Sky 113 (Wales 114) Virgin 122/HD 121 BT 346/HD 361

Sky Replay

7.00am Sixth Sense with Colin Fry (S) **8.00** Four Weddings (S) (AD) **10.00** The Force: Manchester (S) (HD) **11.00** Highway Cops (S) (HD) **12 noon** Police Ten 7 (S) (HD) **1.00pm** Road Wars (S) (HD) **2.00** Alphas: four editions (S) **6.00pm** Most Haunted: double bill. Visits to the Old Hall Hotel in Cheshire, then Somerset's Chough Hotel (S) **7.00** Most Haunted (S) **8.00** Road Wars (S) (HD) **9.00** Temple: Anna and Beth are set on a collision course (S) (AD) (HD) **10.00** FBI: the investigation into a robbery points the team in a shocking direction (HD) **11.00** FBI: International: a private jet is shot down (HD) **12 midnight** FBI: Most Wanted (HD) **1.00am** Police Ten 7 (S) (HD) **2.00** A League of Their Own (S) (AD) (HD) **3.00** Duck Quacks Don't Echo (S) (AD) (HD) **4.00** Four Weddings (S) (AD) (HD) **5.00-6.00am** Sixth Sense with Colin Fry (S)

Sky Replay Sky 152 Virgin 180

Sky Crime

6.00am Highway Patrol (S) (HD) **7.00** Motorway Patrol (S) **8.00** Highway Cops (S) (AD) (HD) **9.00** Nothing to Declare (S) (HD) **10.00** Brit Cops (S) (AD) **11.00** Road Wars (S) **12 noon** The Force: Manchester (S) (HD) **1.00pm** Murders That Shocked the Nation (S) (HD) **2.00** The Real Manhunter (S) (HD) **3.00** Most Evil Killers (S) (HD) **5.00** Murdered at First Sight (S) (AD) (HD) **6.00** Killer in My Village (S) (HD) **7.00** Most Evil Killers (S) (HD) **8.00** What the Killer Did Next (S) (HD) **9.00** Most Evil Killers (HD) **10.00** Forensics: Catching the Killer (HD) **11.00** Caught on Dashcam (HD) **12 midnight** Street Crime UK (HD) **12.30am** Christmas Crime UK (HD) **1.00** An Unexpected Killer (HD) **2.00** Murder Rap (HD) **4.00** as 10am **5.00-6.00am** Motorway Patrol (S) (AD)

Sky Crime Sky 122 Virgin 137/HD 136 BT 349/HD 364 **+1** Sky 222 Virgin 221

Gold



Absolutely Fabulous 10.20pm The 2003 Christmas special

7.25am Still Open All Hours (S) (HD) **8.00** The Two Ronnies (S) **9.35** Only Fools and Horses (S) (AD) **10.20** Still Open All Hours (S) (HD) **11.00** Last of the Summer Wine (S) **12.25pm** Only Fools and Horses (S) (AD) **1.50** Keeping Up Appearances Xmas 1995 (S) **2.30** Citizen Khan (S) (AD) (HD) **3.05** Only Fools and Horses (S) (AD) **5.00** Dad's Army (S)

6.20pm Only Fools and Horses Del receives bad news from the council, but is cheered by news of a fancy-dress party. (S) (AD)

7.40 Gavin & Stacey The couple make a surprise announcement in this 2008 festive edition. (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 Mrs Brown's Boys A handsome stranger attempts to woo the matriarch. (S) (HD)

9.40 The Royle Family at Christmas The Royles have surprise guests. (S) (AD)

10.20 Absolutely Fabulous Patsy is rushed to hospital. (S) (AD) **11.10** Patsy's sister arrives. (S)

11.50 Mrs Brown's Boys A fire at the salon leaves Rory and Dino with nowhere to work. (HD)

12.30am Peep Show (S) **1.35** The Royle Family at Christmas (S) (AD) **2.15** Mrs Brown's Boys Christmas Special (HD) **2.45-4.00am** Absolutely Fabulous (S) (AD)

Gold Sky 110 (Wales 111) Virgin 124 BT 344/HD 359 **+1** Sky 210 (Wales 211) Virgin 194

Sky Comedy

8.00am Will & Grace (S) (AD) (HD) **9.50** Entourage (S) (HD) **11.25** The Comeback (S) **1.30pm** Eastbound & Down (HD) **2.40** The Office US (S) (HD) **3.05** Will & Grace (S) (AD) (HD) **5.00** The Office US (S) (HD) **5.30** Futurama (S) (AD) (HD) **6.30** Will & Grace (S) (AD) (HD) **7.30** Young Rock (HD) **8.00** The Office US: double bill. Cecelia has an overcrowded christening, then Gabe invites his co-workers to his house (S) (HD) **9.00** Micky Flanagan: an' Another Fing Live (S) (HD) **11.00** Rosie Molloy Gives Up Everything: Rosie decides it is better to cut down than give up completely (HD) **11.30** The Late Late Show with James Corden (HD) **12.30am New.** The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon (HD) **1.30** The Comeback (S) (AD) (HD) **3.40** Sex and the City (S) (HD) **4.10-5.00** Will & Grace (S) (AD) (HD)

Sky Comedy Sky 114 (Wales 115) Virgin 135/HD 123 BT 347/HD 362

Comedy Central

8.00am My Wife and Kids (S) (HD) **9.00** The Middle (S) (AD) (HD) **10.00** Last Man Standing (S) (HD) **11.55** Friends: 17 editions (S) (AD) (HD) **9.00pm FILM** Dumb and Dumber To ★ Comedy sequel starring Jim Carrey and Jeff Daniels. The dastardly duo hit the road to track down Harry's estranged daughter – and a new kidney. (S) (HD) **11.15** Jeff Dunham's Last Minute Pandemic Holiday Special: the ventriloquist checks in with his closest friends to see how they are holding up **12.15am** The Roast of David Hasselhoff (S) **1.35** Ugly Americans (HD) **2.35** Fugget About It **3.00** The Ren & Stimpy Show (S) **3.45 New.** The Daily Show **4.15-5.00am** Friends (S) (AD) (HD)

Comedy Central Sky 112 (Wales 113) Virgin 181/HD 132 BT 345/HD 360 **+1** Sky 212 (Wales 213) Virgin 133

Alibi



CSI: Vegas 8.00pm Gil and Sara help a former colleague

7.10am Murdoch Mysteries (S) (HD) **9.00** Hudson & Rex (S) (AD) (HD) **10.00** Unforgettable (S) (HD) **11.00** The Coroner (S) (AD) (HD) **12 noon** WPC 56 (S) (AD) (HD) **1.00pm** Father Brown (AD) (HD) **2.00** Murdoch Mysteries: double bill (S) (HD) **4.00** Hudson & Rex (S) (AD) (HD) **5.00** Unforgettable (S) (HD)

6.00pm Without a Trace 10/23 Series 1. When a man and his daughter disappear, the team look into the father's murky past. (HD)

7.00 The Coroner 10/10 Series 2 Jane is reconnected with an old school friend when she tries to find out who left a teenage girl to die after a car crash. (S) (AD) (HD)

8.00 CSI: Vegas 2/10. Gil and Sara help a former colleague who has been accused of tampering with evidence. (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 Death in Paradise 3/8 Series 9. The team investigates the mysterious death of a cyclist during a race. (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 4/8. Jack makes a life-changing decision while investigating the murder of a man found dead in a boat. (S) (AD) (HD)

11.00 Without a Trace As 6pm.

12 midnight Hudson & Rex (S) (AD) (HD) **1.00am** CSI: Vegas (S) (AD) (HD) **2.00** WPC 56 (S) (AD) (HD) **3.00-4.00am** The Coroner (S) (AD) (HD)

Alibi Sky 109 (Wales 110) Virgin 126 BT 343/HD 358 **+1** Sky 209 (Wales 210) Virgin 191

Discovery

6.00am Wheeler Dealers (S) (HD) **7.00** Deadliest Catch (S) (HD) **9.00** Building Off the Grid (S) (AD) (HD) **10.00** Alaska: Homestead Rescue (S) (HD) **11.00** Wheeler Dealers (S) (HD) **12 noon** Outback Truckers (S) (HD) **1.00pm** Gold Rush: White Water (HD) **2.00** Lone Star Law (S) (HD) **3.00** Alaskan Bush People (S) (HD) **4.00** Alaska: the Last Frontier (S) (HD) **5.00** Wheeler Dealers (S) (AD) (HD) **6.00pm** Garage Rehab (S) (HD) **7.00** Diesel Brothers (S) (HD) **8.00** Gold Rush (HD) **9.00** Alaskan Killer Bigfoot (S) (HD) **10.00 New.** Mountain Monsters: a team member goes missing in the hills of the Tygart Valley (S) (HD) **11.00** Naked and Afraid (S) (HD) **12 midnight** Expedition X (HD) **1.00am** Alaskan Killer Bigfoot (S) (HD) **2.00** Mountain Monsters (S) (HD) **3.00** Gold Rush (HD) **4.00-5.00am** Wheeler Dealers (S) (HD)

Discovery Sky 125 Virgin 250 BT 320/HD 325 **+1** Sky 225 Virgin 258

Discovery History

6.00am Expedition Unknown **7.00** Mysteries of the Missing (S) **8.00** Wings of War **9.00** Combat Dealers (S) **10.00** Mysteries at the Castle **11.00** Mysteries of the Missing (S) **12 noon** Nasa's Unexplained Files (S) **1.00pm** Expedition Unknown (S) **2.00** Greatest Events of World War II (S) **3.00** Blowing Up History (S) **4.00** Mysteries at the Castle **5.00** Wings of War **6.00pm** How the Universe Works (S) **7.00** Expedition Unknown (S) **8.00** Combat Dealers (S) **9.00** Mysteries of the Deep (S) **10.00** How the Universe Works (S) **11.00** Blowing Up History (S) **12 midnight** Nasa's Unexplained Files (S) **1.00am** Combat Dealers (S) **2.00** Mysteries of the Deep (S) **3.00-5.00am** Blowing Up History (S)

Discovery History Sky 177 Virgin 257 **+1** Sky 277 Virgin 261

Sky Documentaries



Cobain: Montage of Heck
9.00pm The Nirvana singer

6.00am The Guest Wing (S) (AD) (HD) **7.00** Discovering: Tim Robbins (S) (HD) **8.00** The Directors (S) (AD) (HD) **8.50** Branson (HD) **10.00** The Vietnam War (S) (HD) **11.10** The 2000s (S) (HD) **12 noon** Clint Eastwood: a Life in Film (HD) **1.40pm** My Icon: Chris Powell (S) (AD) (HD) **2.00** GoldenEra (S) (AD) (HD) **4.00** Discovering: Tim Robbins (S) (HD) **5.00** The Directors (S) (AD) (HD)

6.00pm The Vietnam War
The Watergate scandal forces President Nixon to resign. (S) (HD)

7.10 The 2000s A look back at the cultural and political milestones of the decade. (S) (HD)

8.00 First Ladies A profile of Hillary Rodham Clinton, also examining her career as a senator and Secretary of State. (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 Cobain: Montage of Heck ★★★★★ Profile of Kurt Cobain, the Nirvana frontman who took his own life at the age of 27 at the height of his success. (S) (W) (HD)

11.30 Edge of the Earth
Two ambitious surfers attempt to establish Africa's west coast as the next big wave location. (HD)

12.40am FILM I Am Bruce Lee ★★★★★ (S) (AD) (W) (HD) **2.30** Dan Carter: a Perfect 10 (S) (AD) (HD) **4.15** The Directors (S) (AD) (HD) **5.05–6.00am** The 2000s (S) (HD)

Sky Documentaries Sky 121
Virgin 278/HD 277 BT 352/HD 367

Nat Geographic

8.00am Lost Treasures of Egypt (S) (AD) (HD) **9.00** Drain the Oceans: Hitler's Killer Warships (S) (AD) (HD) **10.00** Air Crash Investigation (S) (AD) (HD) **11.00** Car SOS (S) (HD) **12 noon** Monster Fish (HD) **1.00pm** Wicked Tuna: North v South (S) (HD) **2.00** Ultimate Airport Dubai (S) (HD) **3.00** Megastructures (HD) **4.00** Christmas from Above (S) (HD) **5.00** Seconds from Disaster (HD) **6.00** Family Guns (S) (AD) (HD) **7.00** Air Crash Investigation (S) (AD) (HD) **8.00 FILM** The Rescue ★★★★★ Documentary. English, Thai +subtitles. (W) (HD) **9.50** Air Crash Investigation (S) (HD) **12 midnight** Car SOS (S) (AD) (HD) **1.00am** Wicked Tuna (S) (AD) (HD) **2.00** Alaska: the Next Generation (S) (HD) **3.00** Ice Road Rescue (HD) **4.00–5.00am** Air Crash Investigation: Special Report (S) (HD)

Nat Geographic Sky 129 Virgin 266/HD 268
+1 Sky 229 Virgin 267

Sky History

6.00am American Pickers (HD) **7.00** Forged in Fire (HD) **8.00** Storage Wars (HD) **9.00** Cracking the Code (HD) **10.00** Pawn Stars (HD) **11.00** Alexander the Great (HD) **12 noon** American Pickers (HD) **1.00pm** Storage Wars (HD) **2.00** Cracking the Code (HD) **3.00** Pawn Stars (HD) **4.00** Mountain Men (HD) **5.30** Vintage Tech Hunters (HD) **6.00pm** American Pickers (HD) **7.00** Forged in Fire (HD) **8.00** How the Nazis Lost the War (HD) **9.00 New.** Vikings (HD) **10.00** Britain's War of Thrones: the Hundred Years War, with Dan Jones (HD) **11.00** River Hunters (HD) **12 midnight** Celts: the Untold Story (HD) **1.00am** as 8pm **2.00** Forged in Fire (HD) **3.00** River Hunters (HD) **4.00** Pawn Stars (HD) **5.00–6.00am** Cracking the Code (HD)

Sky History Sky 123 Virgin 270
BT 353/HD 368 +1 Sky 223 Virgin 271

Sky Nature



Animals Decoded 10.00pm
Vervet monkey communication

6.00am Wild Dogs: Running with the Pack (S) (HD) **7.00** Monkey Life (S) (HD) **8.00** Hope for Wildlife (S) (HD) **9.00** Extreme Snakes (HD) **10.00** Wild Kingdoms (S) (AD) (HD) **11.00** Animals Decoded (S) (AD) (HD) **12 noon** Into the Wild: Colombia (S) (HD) **1.00pm** Monkey Life (S) (HD) **2.00** Brazil Untamed (S) (HD) **3.00** Extreme Snakes (HD) **4.00** Hope for Wildlife (S) (HD) **5.00** Animals Decoded (S) (AD) (HD)

6.00pm Into the Wild: Colombia
A golden dart frog requires a mate to fertilise her eggs. (S) (HD)

7.00 Monkey Life Oshine the orangutan is weighed. (S) (HD) **7.30** Hunchbacked capuchin Tau needs an operation. (S) (HD)

8.00 Wild Pacific Rescue A lost sea turtle is helped home. (S) (HD)

9.00 Monkey Life Alison learns Covid-19 can also affect apes. (HD) **9.30** Alison and the team welcome a new female loris to the park. (HD)

10.00 Animals Decoded The uses of sense, scent and sight. (S) (AD) (HD)

11.00 Into the Wild: Colombia
As 6pm.

12 midnight Christmas Winter Wonderland (S) (HD) **1.00am** Bear: Koala Hero (S) (AD) (HD) **2.00** as 8pm **3.00** Monkey Life (HD) **4.00** Brazil Untamed (S) (HD) **5.00–6.00am** Wild Kingdoms (S) (AD) (HD)

Sky Nature Sky 124 Virgin 280/HD 279
BT 354/HD 369

Eden

9.00am Inside the Vets (HD) **10.00** India's New Worlds (HD) **11.00** David Attenborough's Natural Curiosities (AD) (HD) **12 noon** Forbidden History (AD) (HD) **2.00pm** Inside the Vets (HD) **3.00** Africa from Above (HD) **5.00** India's New Worlds (HD) **6.00** David Attenborough's Natural Curiosities (AD) (HD) **7.00** Forbidden History: rumours that the Nazis were building spacecraft (AD) (HD) **8.00** Inside the Vets (HD) **9.00** Africa from Above (HD) **10.00** David Attenborough's Natural Curiosities (AD) (HD) **1.00am** Inside the Vets (HD) **2.00** India's New Worlds (HD) **3.00** David Attenborough's Natural Curiosities (AD) (HD) **3.50** Africa from Above (HD) **4.40** Inside the Vets (HD) **5.30–6.00am** Collar of Duty (HD)

Eden Sky 166 Virgin HD 245
+1 Sky 266 Virgin 246

Animal Planet

8.00am Tanked (S) (HD) **9.00** Pit Bulls and Parolees (S) (HD) **10.00** My Cat from Hell (S) (AD) (HD) **11.00** Animal Cops Philadelphia (S) (AD) (HD) **12 noon** Tanked (S) (HD) **1.00pm** Pit Bulls and Parolees (S) (HD) **2.00** The Zoo (S) (HD) **4.00** My Cat from Hell (S) (AD) (HD) **5.00** Animal Cops Philadelphia (S) (AD) (HD) **6.00** Tanked (S) (HD) **7.00** Pit Bulls and Parolees (S) (HD) **8.00** Legends of the Wild (S) (AD) (HD) **10.00** Edge of Alaska: the hidden city inside the mountain is within reach (S) (HD) **11.00** Meet the Orangutans (S) (HD) **12 midnight** Meet the Penguins (S) (HD) **1.00am** Alaska Monsters (S) (HD) **2.00** My Cat from Hell (S) (AD) (HD) **3.00** Animal Cops Philadelphia (S) (AD) (HD) **4.00–5.00am** Tanked (S) (HD)

Animal Planet Sky 162 (NI 178) Virgin 251
+1 Sky 262 (NI 278) Virgin 259

SPORT

Sky Main Event

Sky 401 Virgin 511/HD 501 BT 420/HD 440
5.30am LIVE Big Bash League Cricket Melbourne Stars v Hobart Hurricanes at the MCG;
8.45 Sydney Thunder v Adelaide Strikers, the day's second game.
12.30pm LIVE World Darts Championship Session one on day two at Alexandra Palace, London.
4.30 World Cup Report
7.00 LIVE World Darts Championship Evening session.
8.00 LIVE Championship Football Birmingham City v Reading (kick-off 8.00).
10.00 LIVE World Darts Championship Day two continues.
11.00 World Cup Report
12 midnight NFL: Total Access
1.00am World Cup Report
4.30–6.00am LIVE Test Cricket Pakistan v England, day one of the third Test. Continues until 9.30am.

Sky Football

Sky 403 Virgin 513/HD 503 BT 422/HD 442
6.00am Classic Play-Off Finals (AD) **9.00** Scottish Goals of the Season (AD) **9.30** EFL Greatest Games (AD) **10.00** Classic Play-Offs **2.45pm** EFL Greatest Games (AD) **3.00** Classic Play-Offs **5.00** Scottish Premiership Highlights **5.15** German Football **6.15** League One and Two Goals **6.45** Inside the WSL **7.15** Scottish Premiership Highlights **7.30 LIVE Championship Football** Birmingham City v Reading (kick-off 8.00).
10.30 Inside the WSL: magazine
11.00 Scottish Premiership Highlights **11.15** EFL Greatest Games (AD) **12 midnight** League Cup Retro (AD) **1.00am** Classic Play-Off Finals (AD) **4.00–6.00am** League Cup Retro

Sky Golf

Sky 405 Virgin 515/HD 505 BT 424/HD 444
6.00am British Masters Masterclass (AD) **6.30** Legends Tour Golf **7.30** European Tour Golf: Mauritius Open
8.30 LIVE European Tour Golf Round two of the Mauritius Open.
1.30pm Chronicles **2.30** PGA Tour Golf **9.00** European Tour Golf **10.00** Junior Golf **11.00** European Tour Golf **12 midnight** Chronicles (AD) **1.00am** European Tour Golf **4.00** PGA Championship Official Films (AD) **5.00–6.00am** Chronicles (AD)

Sky NFL

Sky 407 Virgin 517/HD 507 BT 426/HD 446
6.00am NFL: America's Game (AD) **7.00** Review Show **9.00** NFL Gameday **9.30** Her Huddle **10.00** Highlights **11.00** Jaguars Weekly UK **11.30** One Jets Drive **12 noon** Pro-Football Talk **2.00pm** Highlights **3.00** NFL Bitesize **4.00** NFL Gameday **4.30** Jaguars Weekly UK **5.00** Highlights **6.00** Good Morning Football **8.45** NFL Bitesize **9.00** The Super Bowl That Wasn't (AD) **10.00** Highlights **11.00** NFL Fantasy **12 midnight–6.00am** NFL

Sky Mix

Sky 416 Virgin 520/HD 510 BT 429/HD 449
7.30–9.45pm LIVE British Basketball League London Lions v Bristol Flyers at the Copper Box.

Eurosport 1

Sky 410 Virgin 521 BT 412/HD 435
6.00am Snooker **8.00** Motorcycling **9.00** Discovery Golf **9.30** Snooker **11.45 LIVE Snooker** English Open, the first two quarter-finals.
6.00pm Snooker: English Open **6.45 LIVE Snooker** English Open, the concluding quarter-finals.
10.00 Snooker: English Open
12 midnight–2.00am Alpine Skiing



Championship Football
7.30pm **Sky Football** Striker Troy Deeney inspires the Blues

Sky Premier League

Sky 402 Virgin 512/HD 502 BT 421/HD 441
6.00am Greatest Games **7.00** World Cup Breakfast **10.00** World Cup Report **12 noon** Soccerbox **1.00pm** Premier League Years **3.00** Greatest Games **4.00** Best Goals **5.00** 100 Club **6.00** World Cup Report **7.00** Stories **7.30** Premier League 100 **8.00** Soccerbox **9.00** World Cup Report **11.00** Class of 92 **12 midnight** Retro **2.00am** Premier League Years (AD) **4.00** Best Goals **5.30–6.00am** 100 Club

Sky Cricket

Sky 404 Virgin 514/HD 504 BT 423/HD 443
5.30am LIVE Big Bash League Cricket Melbourne Stars v Hobart Hurricanes at the MCG;
8.45 Sydney Thunder v Adelaide Strikers, the day's second game.
12.45pm Best of the Big Bash **1.00** Test Highlights **3.00** Big Bash League Cricket **5.00** Test Highlights **7.00** Big Bash League Cricket **9.00** T20 World Cup Cricket **10.00** Big Bash League **12 midnight** Best of England (AD) **12.30am** Test Highlights
4.30–6.00am LIVE Test Cricket Pakistan v England, day one of the third Test. Continues until 12.15pm.

Sky Darts

Sky 408 Virgin 518/HD 508 BT 427/HD 447
6.00am Darts Gold **7.00** World Darts Championship **12 noon** Darts Gold
12.30pm LIVE World Darts Championship Day two in London.
4.30 Darts Gold: classic action
7.00 LIVE World Darts Championship Session two.
11.00 Darts Gold: archive arrows
1.00am World Darts Championship **5.00–6.00am** Darts Gold (AD)

Eurosport 2

Sky 411 Virgin 522 BT 413/HD 436
6.00am Golf **6.35** Snowboarding **7.35 LIVE Nordic Combined Skiing** World Cup from Austria, the women's HS97 ski jump;
8.25 The men's HS97 ski jump.
9.15 LIVE Alpine Skiing World Cup in St Moritz, women's downhill;
10.45 World Cup at Val Gardena, the men's super-G event.
12.15pm LIVE Nordic Combined Skiing The women's 5km race;
12.35 The men's 10km race.
1.10 Alpine Skiing
2.30 LIVE Ski Jumping World Cup qualifying from Engelberg.
3.45 Alpine Skiing
4.50 LIVE Freestyle Skiing World Cup from Copper Mountain, men's and women's big air events.
6.30 Freestyle Skiing
7.50 LIVE Snowboarding World Cup meeting at Copper Mountain, the men's and women's half-pipe.
9.50 Alpine Skiing: World Cup
12 midnight–2.00am Superbikes

BT Sport 1

Sky 413 Virgin 527 BT 408/HD 430
6.00am ESPN FC: football news
6.30 Immortals **6.45** Wrestling (AD) **8.45 LIVE Australian Football** Newcastle Jets v Brisbane Roar in the A-League (kick-off 8.45).
10.45 ESPN FC **11.15** EuroCup Basketball **12.15pm** Reload (AD) **12.45** French Football **1.15** Classic French Football **1.45** ESPN FC **2.15** International One-Day Cricket **3.15** International T20 Cricket **4.15** Pro League Hockey **6.15** Rugby's On (AD) **7.15 LIVE Champions Cup Rugby Union** Leinster v Gloucester from the RDS Arena (kick-off 8.00).
10.15 UFC: the Walk (AD) **10.45** Immortals **11.00** Wrestling (AD) **12 midnight** Cricket Reload
12.15–6.00am LIVE Test Cricket Australia v South Africa, day one of the first Test. Continues until 8.15am.

BT Sport 2

Sky 414 Virgin 528 BT 409/HD 431
6.00am International One-Day Cricket **8.00** ESPN FC **8.30** Joe Cole Cast **9.00** Motor Racing **11.30** MotoGP (AD) **1.00pm** Champions Cup Rugby Union **2.00** The Rugby's On (AD) **3.00** Wrestling **4.45** BT Sport Reload (AD) **5.00** French Football **5.30** EuroCup Basketball **6.30** Scottish Football (AD) **7.00** ESPN FC **7.30** BT Sport Reload **7.45 LIVE Champions Cup Rugby Union** Bordeaux Begles v Sharks, the Pool A match (kick-off 8.00).
10.00 LIVE Pro League Hockey Netherlands v Great Britain, a women's match (push-back 10.10).
12 midnight Scottish Football (AD) **12.30am LIVE Pro League Hockey** Netherlands v Great Britain, a men's match (push-back 12.40).
2.30 Champions Cup Rugby Union **4.30–6.30am LIVE Australian Football** Wellington Phoenix v Adelaide Utd, women's (ko 4.40).

BT Sport 3

Sky 417 Virgin 529 BT 410/HD 432
6.00am Futsal **8.00** French Football **8.30** Italian Football: four matches
12.30pm Test Cricket Highlights
4.30 LIVE American Football The Bahamas Bowl from Nassau;
8.00 The Cure Bowl in Orlando.
11.30 UFC **12 midnight** Wrestling **1.00am LIVE Wrestling** WWE.
3.00 Scottish Football **3.30** UFC **4.00–6.00am LIVE Australian Football** Brisbane Roar v Western Sydney Wanderers, women's.

BT Sport 4

Sky 423 Virgin 530 BT 411/HD 434
6.00am SportsCenter **6.15** Around the Horn **6.45** Pardon the Interruption **7.15** SportsCenter **7.30** Reload (AD) **8.30 LIVE Padel Tennis** The Barcelona Master Final.
8.30pm Australian Football **9.30** UFC **10.00** Poker (AD) **12 midnight LIVE American Football** The FCS semi-final.
3.00am Pardon the Interruption **3.30–6.00am LIVE Lacrosse** Las Vegas v Panther City in NLL.

Viaplay Sports 1

Sky 412 Virgin 551
7.55–10.00pm LIVE Challenge Cup Rugby Union Glasgow Warriors v Perpignan (ko 8.00).

DAZN

5.45pm LIVE Women's Champions League Football Villaznia v Chelsea (kick-off 5.45);
8.00 Paris St Germain v Real Madrid (kick-off 8.00).

HEAVENS ABOVE!

Stephen Mangan takes holy orders as radio's confessor to the stars. But how does he persuade them to confess all on air?

The Confessional

Sunday 7.15pm **Radio 4**

THE MISTAKES THAT haunt us in middle and later age are invariably those we made in our youth. If you want proof of that then listen to Radio 4's *The Confessional* where the well known, the great and – until now – the apparently good come clean about the stuff that's on their conscience; each of them confessing to three things that they regret doing. Much of it, as their confessor-in-chief Stephen Mangan discovers, happened when they were still in short trousers or pigtails.

In a previous series, actor Clarke Peters revealed that when he was a boy in New Jersey he'd steal other children's bikes, strip them for parts, then throw the frames into a pond. Which, although funny in its way, was also, I tell Mangan, quite shocking. "These people are often put on a pedestal, or presented in a glowing light," he says. "But we're all the same, we all make mistakes, we all do daft things, we all have incidents in our life that are still bugging us maybe several decades later."

When we look to the distant past, seemingly inconsequential things take on a bigger significance. "Some are incredibly moving and stay with me," says Mangan, ahead of a new series that features Dame Sheila Hancock, Lady Antonia Fraser and *Midsomer Murders* star Neil Dudgeon among others. "Like when Marian Keyes talked about being at a school run



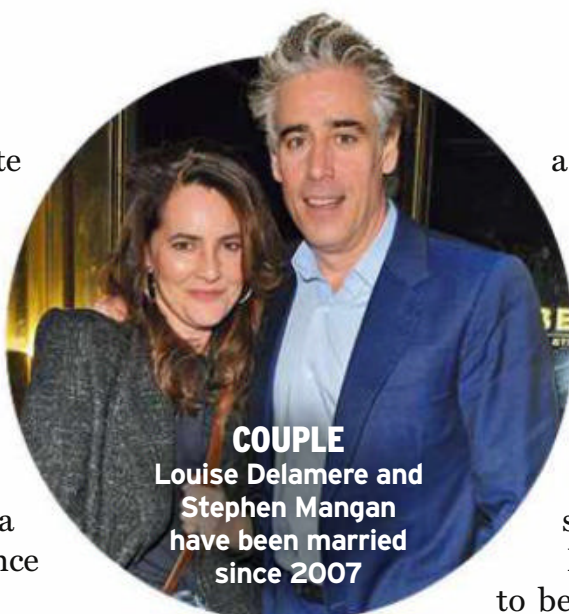
by nuns and being desperate to make a good impression. She was going single file through the school and dropped one of her mittens but was too terrified to say anything at the time because she wanted to be a good girl. When she told that story, she went to a place that had deep resonance for her."

Some guests are looking further back than others. Lady Antonia is 90, yet also wanted to confess youthful transgressions. "She went straight back to stories from her childhood and teenage years. It's amazing how that's where those shameful episodes are often mined from. That stuff sticks with you – things you were embarrassed by when you were seven or eight. A woman of 90 and it's still on her mind."

IN DEFERENCE TO her age, the *Confessional* rules were dropped for Lady Antonia, and Mangan went to her house but, usually, the show is recorded at the BBC. "We use two separate rooms to mimic Catholic priests' approach, so we can't eyeball each other. I think that helps people to open up a bit. They don't want to see any disappointment, boredom or shock in my eyes – even though I only look that way because I'm listening so intently."

"Normally on radio, people are interviewed because they have their next TV show or book coming out. But being asked to uncover stuff that is shameful or embarrassing throws a completely different light onto people we think we know. My job is just to try and get a bit deeper or get them to come up with something they weren't expecting to reveal."

Mangan is from a north London Irish family and was brought up a Catholic, though he claims his own youthful confessions were uneventful. "It was the standard 'I was rude to my parents, I didn't tidy my room, I haven't done my homework' things." Now 54 and married to actor Louise Delamere, with whom he has three sons, he says he would go to



COUPLE
Louise Delamere and
Stephen Mangan
have been married
since 2007

a therapist rather than a priest for confession. But he does seem to have a knack for it – the author Anthony Horowitz revealed to Mangan that, along with his siblings, he danced the cancan on his grandmother's grave, "because they were so delighted she was dead".

Mangan says this willingness to be open is at the heart of the show's ongoing success. "That's what's fascinating about it, that the onus is very much on the person doing the confessing. And obviously, I think they want to confess to something interesting and surprising, but clearly, no one wants to be arrested or cancelled."

'They want to confess but clearly no one wants to be arrested or cancelled'

For Mangan, that openness is also a reflection of the changed times that we, the British, live in. As evidence, he cites old recordings of *Desert Island Discs* when Roy Plomley was still at the helm; desperate to avoid anything overtly emotional that might make the listeners, or Plomley, uncomfortable. "I have listened to them," says Mangan. "Someone would say, 'And then in my 20s, I had a breakdown,' and Roy wouldn't know how to deal with that, so he'd put on the next record. Nowadays, you'd be like, 'Oh, what happened?' People would be interested in hearing about it. Then, it was almost embarrassing to hear anything personal."

CLEARLY THAT'S NOT the case today, but does anyone ever regret the confessions they make? "If anyone ever rang us afterwards and said, 'I can't believe I said that in the moment, please don't include it,' then we wouldn't. So far, no one has. I know that some people sweat a lot about what they're going to talk about."

I know David Tennant, who was our first ever guest, thought long and hard about what sort of things to talk about."

And what about the sinners who got away – which potential confessions have escaped Mangan? "I met Jonathan Pryce the other day and he was saying how much he loved the show. I said, 'You should come on,' and he said, 'Absolutely not. Not in a million years.'"

MICHAEL HODGES



FESSING UP
Dame Sheila
Hancock and Neil
Dudgeon reveal
their secrets

Book of the Week: *A Heart That Works* From Monday 9.45am (FM) **Radio 4**



Sometimes words are not enough. They are inadequate, redundant, useless, and I confess that I'm struggling to write this. But I'm also conscious

that I must. If American comedian, actor, writer and *Catastrophe* star Rob Delaney could wield the words that no parent ever wants to write, then it's not something that I dare shy away from.

As many people know, *A Heart That Works* is an account of the brief life of Delaney's third son, Henry, who, after gruelling and extensive treatment, died of a brain tumour in 2018. This beautiful little boy was two years old.

It's hard to find a quote that isn't wrought with pain, rage or desperation. That's how life rolls when your child has a terminal illness. But there are also some genuinely funny moments in this story of life after

loss, and some so exquisite that they shine as brightly as Henry's smile. "In between Henry's birth and his death was, of course, his life. That was my favourite part. Henry led a hell of a life."

Yes, you will weep when you hear Delaney read this. But, ultimately, it is a book about LOVE.



**Rob Delaney's son
Henry died in 2018**

AMBRIDGE DIARY

The Archers this week...

David and Ruth have a hard time getting past their recent traumas, especially when a past memory returns to haunt them. Ruth, though, receives comfort from an unlikely source. Pip and Toby's plans for a big day are interrupted. Love is in the air at Grange Farm for another couple, although they might also have landed themselves in the soup.

George has an embarrassing encounter that could prove the final straw, unless he can wriggle his way out of his commitment. A Christmas night out for the folks at Berrow stirs up a surprising confession. Tracy proves hard to fool, and Eddie teaches someone a valuable lesson. **CAROLINE FROST**

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SHOW OF THE WEEK



SOMETHING RHYMES WITH PURPLE

Gyles Brandreth and Susie Dent host a fascinating exploration of the origins of language.

Gyles Brandreth and Susie Dent explore the weird ways our language works



A VERY DISTINCTIVE noise rises regularly from the audience gathered at the Fortune Theatre in London's Covent Garden on a Sunday afternoon in November.

It's a gentle sound, somewhere between an "aah" and an "ooh", and can be heard whenever Gyles Brandreth and his lexicographer colleague Susie Dent of *Countdown* (and *RT*) fame reveal, for instance, that the word for the feeling of sun on your back in the middle of winter is "apricity"; when they put paid to the common misconception that "lunch" is the shortened version of "luncheon"; and when they explain the origin of the expression "wrong end of the stick". The full knowledge of that last one will surely haunt even a well-regulated digestion at least once a day for the foreseeable future.

This is one of the monthly *Something Rhymes*

with Purple live shows held at the venue (these continue either side of Christmas), during which the talking heads at the heart of the podcast sit on purple chairs and discuss the derivation of words for the entertainment of an audience. At the interval they press the flesh and sign books. It seems to work. As Brandreth puts it, "We've done almost 200 podcasts and we never repeat ourselves."

The pair, who have been, in Brandreth's words, "soulmates" since they met on *Countdown* back in the day, enjoy a perfect division of labour. She does the words, he does the patter. What's the most legendary name he can drop? "Well, the first famous hand I shook was TS Eliot's..."

Brandreth's new book is *Elizabeth: an Intimate Portrait*. I've not read it but if anybody had access in that quarter it was him. If anyone has the eye for telling detail that would be him,

too. And if anyone will have known what he could and couldn't get away with, ditto.

Something Rhymes with Purple began when Brandreth's wife Michelle said that if he was going to do a podcast, it should be about

'The origin of "wrong end of the stick" will haunt you'

something he's passionate about. Hence, words.

"Words are everything," he says, speaking without deviation, hesitation or repetition. "Language is everything because it takes you into every aspect of life. The philosopher Bertrand Russell said, 'No matter how eloquently a dog may bark, it can't tell you its parents were poor but honest.' Words do that."

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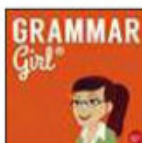
HISTORY OF ENGLISH PODCAST

When Kevin Stroud comes home from a hard day's lawyering in the United States, he sits down to attend to his true passion: writing and recording another episode of his massive history of how the English language developed. Stroud began this Sisyphean labour in 2012 and he's up to episode 163. More power to him.



WORD OF MOUTH

A long-running Radio 4 series dedicated to the mysterious history and unknowable future of our language, in which Michael Rosen might be snuffling for the roots of such terms as "a murmuration of starlings" with a naturalist, or debating the acceptability of sentences studded with the word "like" with an actual Valley Girl.



GRAMMAR GIRL QUICK AND DIRTY TIPS FOR BETTER WRITING

Presented by Mignon Fogarty, this is an excellent, long-running strand from the United States. It might be dealing with the history of the ampersand one minute, and the next showing how to avoid the linguistic fender-bender "had had" in a sentence. It also keeps a lookout for how gendered languages are facing the challenges of inclusion, and not ignoring nouns, such as scissors and jeans, which are, as we all know, permanently plural.



LUKE'S ENGLISH PODCAST

English is not just words plus grammar. It's often about a tone of voice, a tone that constantly shifts up and down the social scale in order to convey the complexity of our society. Of the thousands of podcasts for people learning English as a foreign language, here's one celebrating the things that often confound the initiate, via chats with everyone from Mark Steel to Luke's mum, baggy conversations that take in events in British life such as the death of the Queen and the career of Liz Truss. Will also suit English speakers.

SOMETHING NEW



AWAY FROM HOME

Shakhtar Donetsk are one of Ukraine's leading football clubs and over the last year they've had to fulfil their usual fixtures in the Champions League while they're unable, for obvious reasons, to use their own home ground. *The Athletic's* Adam Crafton and Joey D'Urso are granted rare access to the players and staff of the club as they negotiate the rockiest of roads.

RADIOHEADS

MICHAEL SPICER

How I finally cracked comedy, aged 42...



I have an admission to make. In my late teens and throughout my 20s, I was obsessed with Radio 4. I loved brilliant shows like *People Like Us* and, of

course, I would listen to *I'm Sorry, I Haven't a Clue* at teatime. I'd also get very excited about any kind of late-night, 11 o'clock show where new, odder comedy would be tried out. When I was 17 I even got into Broadcasting House. I went along to an open writers' meeting for Radio 4 sketch show *Week Ending* where people could just walk in off the street. I took my older sister because I was nervous; the actual meeting was mainly men the age I am now, looking thoroughly depressed, trying to find jokes about John Major. But I was hooked – this was the world I wanted to work in.

The funny thing is, if I went back there now and said to my 17-year-old self, "Don't worry, it is going to happen," he'd probably go "Oh, great. When?" And my answer would have to be "Um, well, when you're 42. You'll need to bide your time for a bit."

It has been a long time. And I got here, I suppose, by an unlikely route. I've always written, I've always performed, but there

'We're all the man in *The Room Next Door*, barking at the TV'

have been so many knockbacks and so many rejections. I had almost given up, or at least resigned myself to not making a living from writing and performing full time, when this character I had conjured up out of nothing changed everything.

The Room Next Door began on social media and was simply me pretending to be the guiding voice in the ear of a politician or public figure giving a speech. The more asinine, stupid or fantastical these speeches were, the more agitated my character became. As you may have noticed, there has been no shortage of asinine, stupid or fantastical speeches over the past few years.

I made the first one on my sofa with a box file, because I had half an hour to do it after putting the children to bed and making tea. I inserted this little sketch between my evening routine. But because of that, it's almost like we're all the man in *The Room Next Door*, because we are all on our sofas, barking at



the television. Perhaps that's why it has been so successful. Whatever it was, *The Room Next Door* found an audience and went viral, giving me a bigger platform than I have ever had.

That was an absolute thrill, of course, but there were moments where I realised that I needed to monetise it and I didn't know how to do that. I still don't really know how to do that. I've made my money through the book and the tour and the show, rather than online clicks; perhaps I'm too old to fully understand it.

And then I had the wonderful experience of being invited to meet Sioned Wiliam, the then commissioning editor of comedy for Radio 4. When she said, "I think we should do something together," my jaw hit the floor. So I created an idea of an organisation, a secret, covert organisation that the man in *The Room Next Door* works for – an organisation that's in the ears of every world leader. To which Sioned said, "That doesn't really wow me. Talk to me about you, about your life." I said, "Well, I'm doing a tour where I'm talking about what it was like having this strange juxtaposition of needing to carry on doing my day job while also receiving this media attention." She said, "That's a far more interesting story – why don't you write it?" So I did, and I love doing it. It's wonderful – the proper realisation of a dream I had when I was 17.

Michael Spicer: before *Next Door* is on Thursday at 11pm on Radio 4

SATURDAY Radio

Today's Choices



Opera on 3: Kevin Puts's The Hours

6.30pm **Radio 3**

Who's afraid of Virginia Woolf? Well, evidently not Michael Cunningham, whose 1998 novel *The Hours* – about three women fighting off despair across three time periods – took its cue from Woolf's own *Mrs Dalloway*. Nor Stephen Daldry, who directed the Oscar-winning 2002 film adaptation, starring Nicole Kidman as Woolf, writing *Mrs Dalloway* in 1923, Julianne Moore as Laura Brown, an LA housewife reading the book in 1949, and Meryl Streep as Clarissa Vaughan, a New Yorker preparing a party for a friend dying of Aids in 1999. Nor indeed Kevin Puts, the 50-year-old Pulitzer Prize-winning US composer, whose brand-new operatic version – starring marvellous mezzo Joyce DiDonato as Woolf, sumptuous soprano Renée Fleming as Clarissa and Broadway star Kelli O'Hara as Laura (all above) – opens a new season of Met broadcasts.

MARK PAPPENHEIM

The Documentary: Living in Space

12.05pm **BBC World Service**

Nasa's launch of the Artemis 1 last month is the first in a series of missions that will see humans return to the Moon for the first time in over half a century. But in years to come it might also be viewed as one small step towards a new feat for humanity: a permanent settlement in space. Whether a base on another planet or a floating station above the Earth, this shared ambition is closer to being realised than many think. In this programme, David Baker hears from the people working out the extraordinary challenges of exporting home comforts to the hostile environment of outer space. TOM GOULDING

BBC Radio 1

97.6–99.8 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio1
F'view* 700 F'sat 700 Sky 0101 Virgin 901

6.00am Radio 1 Happy
7.00 Adele Roberts
10.30 Katie Thistleton
1.00pm Matt and Jamie
4.00 Dance Anthems
7.00 Radio 1's Soundsystem Party
9.00 1Xtra's Rap Show
11.00 Drum 'n' Bass Show
12.00 Drum 'n' Bass Mix
1.00am Classic Essential Mix
3.00 Pete Tong Club sounds.
5.00 Radio 1 Relax-X4

BBC Radio 2

88–90.2 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio2
F'view* 702 F'sat 702 Sky 0102 Virgin 902

6.00am Sounds of the 60s
Tony Blackburn spins US and UK hits, today including gems from the Beatles and Petula Clark.
8.00 Dermot O'Leary
Music, chat, features and guests, today with chart star George Ezra performing for Dermot.

10.00 Claudia Winkleman
Chat, guests and music, including at **12.30pm** a half-hour spotlight on *Strictly Come Dancing*, with a playlist from the show's music director and arranger, Dave Arch. See 7.45pm BBC1

1.00pm Pick of the Pops
Paul Gambaccini with the Top 20s from this week in 1966 and 1978. Rptd Mon 3am (1966) and Tue 3am (1978)

3.00 OJ Borg Sits in for Rylan.
6.00 Liza Tarbuck

8.00 Sounds of the 80s
With Gary Davies, including **My 80s Moments** – featuring a special guest – and a themed **Mastermix**.
10.00 Sounds of the 90s
With Fearnie Cotton.

Rptd Wednesday/Thursday 3am
12.00 First and Last
Another chance to hear two 2021 episodes of the series in which Cerys Matthews invites top songwriters to reveal the first song they wrote, the last song they wrote, and the journey in between, starting with Emeli Sandé, followed at **12.30am** by Guy Garvey. (R)

1.00am Dance Sounds of the 90s with Vernon Kay Another nostalgic playlist, here featuring Armand Van Helden, Ken Doh and the Grid.

2.00 Michelle Visage's Rule Breakers
Guests with left-field outlooks. (R)

3.00 Music programme

4.00 Radio 2 in Concert Travis in 2004 at Cardiff International Arena. (R)
5.00 Tracks of My Years
Omnibus edition with Martin O'Neill.

BBC 6 Music

DAB bbc.co.uk/6music
Freeview 707 Freesat 707 Sky 0120 Virgin 909

6.00am Amy Lamé
8.00 Radcliffe and Maconie
Including the **First, Last and Everything** feature, with Supergrass frontman Gaz Coombes, who also talks about his upcoming fourth solo album.

10.00 The Huey Show
1.00pm Jamz Supernova
3.00 Gilles Peterson
6.00 The Craig Charles Funk and Soul Show
9.00 The Blessed Madonna
Marea Stamper with dance music. At **10.00** Simon Marlin (aka the Shapeshifters) breaks down the history of nu-disco and at **11.00** he showcases DJ Scarlett O'Malley.

12.00 Lose Yourself with...
2.00am Late in the Day
4.00 The Morning After Mix

BBC Radio 3

90.2–92.4 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio3
Freeview* 703 Freesat 703 Sky 0103 Virgin 903

News and weather 7.00am, 8.00 and 1.00pm

7.00am Breakfast With Elizabeth Alker.

9.00 Record Review With Andrew McGregor.
9.30 Leah Broad discusses personal favourite new releases and, in the **On Repeat** feature, shares a track that is a current preoccupation.

10.30 Building a Library Natasha Loges discusses her favourite recording of Mozart's *Piano Concerto No 21 in C, K467*, the second movement of which featured in Bo Widerberg's 1967 film *Elvira Madigan* to hugely popular effect.
11.20 Record of the Week A fine new release. *Record Review Extra* is broadcast tomorrow at 9pm

11.45 Music Matters

Tom Service hears from composer John Rutter at his home in Cambridge, where he discusses his career. There's also a peek into a recent rehearsal with the Bach Choir in London, with Rutter preparing it for his gala Christmas Celebration concert at the Royal Albert Hall (which took place this past Tuesday). Repeated Monday 10pm

12.30pm This Classical Life

Jess Gillam is joined by North Carolina-born composer Caroline Shaw to share pieces of music.

1.00 Inside Music

An insider's take on various music works, today with soprano (and former BBC New Generation Artist) Ruby Hughes discussing the way different musicians feel rhythm, including Ravel performed by violinist Janine Jansen, Dave Okumu on guitar, and the slightly contrasting approaches to Handel by soprano Lucy Crowe and tenor Mark Padmore. She also talks about the harmonies of John Adams's *Harmonielehre* and the inspiration she finds from sopranos Jessye Norman and Felicity Lott and gospel star Mahalia Jackson.

3.00 Sound of Cinema

Matthew Sweet welcomes Jamie Anderson, son of Gerry Anderson, who in the 1960s created the futuristic TV series *Supercar*, *Fireball XL5*, *Thunderbirds* and *Captain Scarlet*. They look at the scores of British composer Barry Gray, who gave musical voice to these classic Supermarionation programmes. First broadcast June 2020. (R)

4.00 Music Planet

Lopa Kothari with roots-based music, today featuring previously unaired material from this year's Womad festival, including performances by Moroccan-French rock quartet Bab L'Bluz and Cuban star CimaFunk.

5.00 J to Z

Jumoké Fashola with new and classic jazz. Plus guests, today with US jazz vocalist Gretchen Parlato sharing some of the music that has inspired her. Plus more highlights from this year's We Out Here Festival, held in August in Cambridgeshire.

6.30 Opera on 3: Kevin Puts's The Hours

RT A new season of broadcasts from the New York Metropolitan Opera kicks off with Joyce DiDonato, Kelli O'Hara and Renée Fleming starring in the stage premiere of Kevin Puts's operatic

Scala Radio

DAB scalaradio.co.uk Sky 0151

7.00am Hannah Cox

Including after **7.00** the **DONNE Triple Play**, featuring music by women composers. See Mon 1pm

10.00 Angellica Bell Magazine-style show.

1.00pm Mark Kermode Film music.

3.00 Simon Mayo's Essential Albums
Today's playlist marks anniversaries for Hector Berlioz, Antonin Dvorak and Ludwig van Beethoven. Plus highlights of new Christmas albums by the Somerville College Choir, Oxford and German Brass.

5.00 The Console with Luci Holland

6.00 Jack Pepper's Culture Bunker
Marisha Wallace pays tribute to Olivia Newton-John.

8.00 Saturday Night Scala With Darren Redick.

10.00 The Space Soothing and calming music.

1.00am Night Music **5.00 In the Park**

Absolute Radio

DAB absoluteradio.co.uk

F'view 727 F'sat 724 Sky 0107 Virgin 915

8.00am Frank Skinner **11.00 Sarah Champion**
2.00pm Rock 'n' Roll Football With Matt Forde **5.00 Andy Bush's Indie Disco** **7.00 Absolute Classic Rock Party** **10.00 Sophie K** **4.00am Ross Buchanan**

adaptation of Michael Cunningham's novel *The Hours*. The work was heard first in March in Philadelphia, in a concert conducted by Yannick Nézet-Séguin, who here brings it to one of the world's biggest stages. Presented by Debra Lew Harder, joined by commentator Ira Siff.

Kevin Puts *The Hours*

Clarissa Vaughan
Laura Brown
Virginia Woolf
Barbara/Mrs Latch
Kitty/Vanessa
Sally
Man under the arch/Hotel clerk
Louis
Leonard Woolf
Richard
Dan Brown
Walter
Nelly

Renée Fleming (soprano)
Kelli O'Hara (soprano)
Joyce DiDonato (mezzo)
Kathleen Kim (soprano)
Sylvia D'Eramo (soprano)
Denyce Graves (mezzo)
John Holiday (countertenor)
William Burden (tenor)
Sean Panikkar (tenor)
Kyle Ketelsen (bass-baritone)
Brandon Cedel (bass-baritone)
Tony Stevenson (tenor)
Eve Gligliotti (mezzo)

Metropolitan Opera Chorus and Orchestra, conductor Yannick Nézet-Séguin

10.00 New Music Show

Kate Molleson with material by Icelandic composer Hildur Guðnadóttir performed recently by Carmen Villain and Manchester Camerata at the latter's Unquiet project. Plus the world premiere in Berlin of Gerald Barry's double bass concerto *Aus die bitteren Tränen der Petra von Kant*, the swirling and eruptive voice and electronics of Audrey Chen, and Colombian-born composer and experimentalist Michele Abondano's *suelo seco*, for cello and piano.

12.00 Freeness

Corey Mwamba previews a previously unreleased live recording of a 1989 performance by soprano saxophonist Paul Dunmall and drummer Tony Orrell with double bass player Paul Rogers.

1.00am Through the Night With Jonathan Swain.
Bach *Gavotte en rondeau (Partita No 3 in E, BWV1006)*
Villa-Lobos *Prelude No 1 in E minor (Five Preludes)*

Oscar Ghiglia (guitar) **Debussy** *Petite Suite* Anne-Marie McDermott and Andre-Michel Schub (piano) **Barber** *Excerpts from Souvenirs*, Op 28 Anne-Marie McDermott and Wu Han (piano) **Bizet** *Jeux d'enfants* Jean-Efflam Bavouzet and Wu Han (piano) **Beethoven** *Trio in E flat for Piano, Clarinet and Cello*, Op 38 (excerpts) Matthias Glander (clarinet), Kerio Slotnikoff (cello), Elena Bashkistrova (piano) **Hindemith** *Sehr langsam, from Clarinet Quartet* Matthias Glander (clarinet), Michael Barenboim (violin), Kerio Slotnikoff (cello), Elena Bashkistrova (piano) **Schumann** *Excerpts from Six Studies in Canonical Form*, Op 56 Michael Barenboim (violin), Kerio Slotnikoff (cello), Elena Bashkistrova (piano) **2.23 Gilson De Zee** **3.01 Zelenka** *Requiem Mass in D* **3.45 Fanny Mendelssohn** *Trio in D minor* **4.10 Willaert** *A la fontaine du prez* **4.16 Noskowski** *The Highlander's Fantasy* **4.25 Piccinini** *Toccata; Mariona alla vera spagnola, chiaccona* **4.34 Trad, arr Grainger** *Irish Tune from County Derry (Danny Boy)* **4.38 Prokofiev** *Piano Sonata No 3* **4.46 Tournier** *Vers la source dans le bois* **4.51 Auber** *Overture (Le Cheval de bronze)* **5.01 JC Bach** *Quintet in F for flute, oboe, violin, viola and continuo* **5.10 Chopin** *Rondo in C for two pianos* **5.21 Monteverdi** *Prologue: Il Ritorno D'Ulisse in Patria* **5.30 Pierre Max Dubois** *Flute Quartet* **5.38 Mendelssohn** *Overture: Ruy Blas* **5.46 Kogoj** *Two pieces (Nos 3 and 40) from the Piano collection* **5.54 Brahms** *Variations and Fugue on a theme by Handel* **6.22 Handel** *Laudate pueri Dominum* **6.42 Tchaikovsky** *Fantasy Overture: Romeo and Juliet*

Classic FM

99.9–101.9 FM DAB classicfm.com

Freeview 731 Freesat 721 Sky 0106 Virgin 922

7.00am Alan Titchmarsh

10.00 Aled Jones

1.00pm Alexander Armstrong

4.00 Moira Stuart's Classic FM Hall of Fame Concert Classic FM Hall of Fame works played in full, today with a seasonal playlist, featuring music by Nigel Hess, John Rutter, Dvorak, Bach, Beethoven, Smetana, Alan Silvestri, Tchaikovsky, Sibelius, plus traditional works.

7.00 Saturday Night at the Movies

Andrew Collins showcases festive films. Featuring highlights of scores by Dimitri Tiomkin (*It's a Wonderful Life*), Ryuichi Sakamoto (*Merry Christmas Mr Lawrence*), Danny Elfman (*Edward Scissorhands*) and Alexandre Desplat (Greta Gerwig's *Little Women*). Plus family-friendly films, including music by John Williams (*Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone*) and Ilan Eshkeri (*The Snowman and the Snowdog*).

9.00 David Mellor's Melodies

A playlist of classical favourites and new discoveries, featuring recordings by top orchestras and soloists.

10.00 Smooth Classics With Myleene Klass.

1.00am Katie Breathwick **4.00 Sam Pittis**



BBC Radio 4

92.4–94.6 FM 198 LW DAB bbc.co.uk/radio4
Freeview 704 **Freesat** 704 (FM) 710 (LW)
Sky 0104 (FM) 0130 (LW) **Virgin** 904 (FM) 911 (LW)
News 5.30am, 6.00 and hourly to 12 midnight
Weather 6.04am, 6.57, 7.57, 12.57pm, 5.57, 12.15am
Shipping Forecasts 5.20am, 12.01pm (LW), 5.54pm, 12.48am
5.30am News Briefing
5.43 Prayer for the Day With the Rt Rev Mary Stallard, Assistant Bishop in Bangor.
5.45 Four Thought
Anna Wardley argues we should better support children whose parents have killed themselves. Repeated from Wednesday
6.00 News and Papers
6.07 Open Country
9/16. Helen Mark explores the Mendip Hills, an area of outstanding beauty that stretches across the landscape south of Bristol and Bath. She learns about its strategic role in the Second World War, and learns how the area is now an important haven for wildlife. Rptd from Thursday
6.30 Farming Today This Week
News about food, farming and the countryside.
7.00 Today
With Martha Kearney and Nick Robinson.
7.20 Yesterday in Parliament
7.25, 8.25 Sports News
7.48 Thought for the Day
With the Rev Dr Isabelle Hamley.
8.31 LW Yesterday in Parliament
9.00 Saturday Live
Nikki Bedi and Shaun Keaveny are joined by model and photographer Pattie Boyd, whose book *My Life in Pictures* draws on her archive of photographs and artworks, and composer Howard Blake who created the music for *The Snowman* and plays live in the studio. Plus William Shatner with his Inheritance Tracks. Producer Claire Bartleet
10.30 Soul Music
4/6. Killing Me Softly with His Song
Stories of what the various recordings of *Killing Me Softly with His Song* mean to people around the world. With contributions from original songwriter Lori Lieberman, as well as accounts of the Grammy-winning 1997 cover by the Fugees. Producer Mair Bosworth
11.00 The Week in Westminster
A round-up of the week's political proceedings.
11.30 From Our Own Correspondent
Kate Adie introduces BBC correspondents' reports on stories from around the globe. Producer Serena Tarling
12.04pm Money Box
The latest from the world of personal finance. Repeated tomorrow 9pm
Your RT Money: page 139
12.30 Dead Ringers
1/3. Comedy impressions, with Rishi Sunak making his first appearance as PM and Liz Truss possibly her last as a politician of note. Repeated from yesterday

BBC Radio 4 Extra

DAB bbc.co.uk/radio4extra
Freeview 708 **Freesat** 708 **Sky** 0126 **Virgin** 910
6.00am Aldous Huxley – The Gioconda Smile
7.30 The Doll Factory as 6.30pm
8.45 Voices from behind the Canvas as 7.45pm
9.00 Life with the Lyons as 2pm
9.30 Stiff Upper Lip, Jeeves as 8.30pm
10.00 Sue Perkins's Christmas Comedy Stocking as 3pm
11.00 Aldous Huxley – The Gioconda Smile
12.30pm The Doll Factory Elizabeth Macneal's novel set in 1850–51 London, when a young woman who burns to become an artist but is held back by her upbringing. Abridged by Isobel Creed and Lizzie Davies. From 2019 (1–5/10)
1.45 Voices from behind the Canvas as 7.45pm
2.00 Life with the Lyons
A 1954 episode of the 1950–61 BBC sitcom featuring real-life couple Bebe Daniels and Ben Lyon and their children Barbara and Richard in postwar Britain
2.30 Stiff Upper Lip, Jeeves Dramatisation by Richard Usborne of PG Wodehouse's 1963 comic novel, starring Richard Briers and Michael Hordern and others, including Paul Eddington. From 1980 (1/6)
3.00 Sue Perkins's Christmas Comedy Stocking
A series of festive radio specials presented by the former *Great British Bake Off* star, starting with *Radio Active's Christmas Turkey* (1983) and *The Masterson Inheritance Christmas Special* (1995). From 2010 (1/3)

1.00 News
1.10 Any Questions?
Alex Forsyth presents political debate from St Mary's Church, Nantwich, Cheshire. Her panel comprises the Conservative peer David Frost, the shadow culture secretary Lucy Powell MP, the Liberal Democrats foreign affairs spokesperson Layla Moran MP and the businessman John Timpson. Repeated from yesterday
2.00 Any Answers?
Phone-in responding to *Any Questions?* Presented by Anita Anand.
PHONE: 0370 010 0444 Lines open from 12.30pm
EMAIL: any.answers@bbc.co.uk
2.45 39 Ways to Save the Planet
34/40. The Happiness Index. Tom Heap explores measures of growth and success that could replace gross domestic product, while Dr Tamsin Edwards looks at what these alternative measures could mean for carbon-cutting efforts. Producer Anne-Marie Bullock (R)
3.00 Drama: Oliver – Lagos to London
3/3. Ayesha Menon's radical updating of Charles Dickens's novel *Oliver Twist*. Oli has become a hardened 20-year-old, who's forgotten his best friend Mene and all their dreams. Saffron Hill is grooming Oli as the gang's new leader, and persuades Bill to include him in a plan that will earn them a small fortune. However, when they get to the rendezvous, Oli's kind heart ruins the callous scheme and he pays a heavy price.

Oli Babatunde	Idris Debrand	Blessing Inspector Ndbuisi	Marlene Madenge
Adewale Akinnuoye-Agbaje	Tamara Lawrance	Charlie Fehinte Balogun	Kalungi Ssebandeke
Nancy Bill	Sylvester Akinrolabu	Young Agi	Samuel Adebayo
Dodger Miss Saffron Hill	Jocelyn Jee Esien	Waitress	Bisola Elizabeth Alabi
			Sariah Joye
			Fatima Adoum

Producer Gill Parry; Director Michael Buffong (R)
4.00 Weekend Woman's Hour
Anita Rani presents the week's highlights.
5.00 Saturday PM
News and sport with Caroline Wyatt.
5.30 Sliced Bread
6/7. Greg Foot and his guests search for the scientific evidence behind the bold claims made in advertising for fragrances. Repeated from Thursday
6.00 Six o'Clock News
6.15 Loose Ends
Clive Anderson is joined by actors Martha Plimpton who's in *As You Like It* at Soho place theatre in London and Nneka Okoye who's in the drama *Riches* on the ITVX streaming service from Thursday, and comedian Rachel Fairburn. With music by the Hu and Lola Kirke. Producer Sukey Firth Repeated tomorrow 11pm
7.00 Profile
An insight into a person in the news. Editor Richard Vadon
Repeated tomorrow 5.45am and 5.40pm

4.00 A Haunting William Boyd's tale starring John Sessions (1953–2020) as an architect who acts oddly and wonders if he has been taken over by an unknown presence. From 2001
4.45 The Magic Shop Leigh Crutchley reads the 1903 thriller by HG Wells. Gip comes across a magic shop with his father, to curious effect. From 1964
5.00 Aldous Huxley – The Gioconda Smile
Dramatisation by Cynthia Pughe of Aldous Huxley's 1921 short story. With Peter Bowles. From 1989
6.30 The Doll Factory as 12.30pm
7.45 Voices from behind the Canvas Series of tales based on paintings. Anton Lesser reads Susie Maguire's *Olympia* – a story about Manet's studio as seen through the eyes of a black cat. From 2021
8.00 Life with the Lyons as 2pm
8.30 Stiff Upper Lip, Jeeves as 2.30pm
9.00 Sue Perkins's Christmas Comedy Stocking
10.00–12.00 Comedy Club: John Finnemore's Souvenir Programme (1/6), at **10.30 Bussmann and Quantick Kingsize** (3/5), at **11.00 Danny Robins Music Therapy** (2/4), and at **11.30 Radio Shuttleworth** (2/6)
12.00 MR James Stories Adaptation by Michael and Mollie Hardwick of MR James's 1911 ghost story *Martin's Close*
12.30am Red as Blood Stella Gonet reads a dark variation on the Snow White fantasy
1.00 as 5pm **2.30** as 12.30pm **3.45** as 1.45pm **4.00** as 2pm **4.30** as 2.30pm **5.00** as 3pm

7.15 The Infinite Monkey Cage
5/7. The Age of Conspiracy? Brian Cox and Robin Ince discuss the new golden age for conspiracy theories, joined by David Baddiel, psychologist Professor Karen Douglas, biologist Professor Matthew Cobb and cultural theorist Dr Timotheus Vermeulen. Exec producer Alexandra Feachem Rptd Thursday 4pm
8.00 Archive on 4: How Santa Stole Christmas
Christopher Frayling explores how Hollywood helped to create the modern Christmas. With director Joe Dante, historian Judith Flanders and writers Karen Krizanovich and Kim Newman. Producer Jane Long Repeated Friday 12.04pm (R)
9.00 No Place but the Water
8/9. The Library of Everything 2/3. By Linda Marshall Griffiths. Birdie is having strange visions and Gil's arm is not healing – Birdie needs to find help before it's too late. Across the water, Caleb's reunion with his dad has left him feeling uneasy and Jess is restless to find her mum – can they stay in the Floating City much longer? All series are available on BBC Sounds.

Birdie	Poppy O'Brien	Alex	William Ash
Jessie	Sade Malone	Leo	Hamish Rush
Caleb	Cel Spellman	Laurie	Jenny Platt
Gil	Rupert Hill	The Angel	Remmie Milner

Producer/Director Nadia Molinari (R)
9.45 Stories from Ukraine
5/5. In the second part of *How to Fall in Love with George Michael* by Nataka Sniadank, Olesia finds herself in love with someone who looks nothing like George Michael and must take drastic action to avoid becoming a social pariah. Abridged and produced by Naomi Walmsley. Read by Vera Graziadei. (R)
10.00 News
10.15 The Moral Maze
2/4. Michael Buerk is joined by Giles Fraser, Anne McElvoy, Matthew Taylor and Nazir Afzal for a debate on a moral issues behind the news. Repeated from Wednesday
11.00 Nature Table
2/6. Sue Perkins hosts the comedy panel show recorded at London Zoo. Rptd from Monday
11.30 The Poetry Detective
2/3. Poems for Turbulent Times. Vanessa Kisuule explores the stories behind people's treasured poems. She finds out why they matter and how they work their magic on the reader. Repeated from Sunday
12.00 News and Weather
12.15am Torn
2/10. Indian Chintz Dress. Gus-Casely-Hayford explores letters and extracts from the diaries of George Washington to understand the interwoven histories of both slavery and textiles in America. Exec producer Rosie Collyer (R)
12.30–12.45am Profile
Last week's profile of a person in the news. (R)
1.00 as BBC World Service

BBC World Service

DAB bbc.co.uk/worldserviceradio
Freeview* 710 **Freesat** 711 **Sky** 0115 **Virgin** 906
Programmes may differ online, and on Freeview, Sky, and Virgin
5.00am The Newsroom **5.30** Kalki Presents: My Indian Life (6/10) **5.50** More or Less **6.00** Weekend **8.30** The Conversation **9.00** News **9.05** BBC OS Conversations **9.30** Pick of the World **9.50** Over to You **10.00** News **10.05** Sports Hour **11.00** The Newsroom **11.30** Unspun World with John Simpson **12.00** News **12.05pm CHOICE:** The Documentary: Living in Space: David Baker discovers what settlements in space might be like **1.00** Newshour **2.00** News **2.05** Sportsworld **6.00** The Newsroom **6.30** Kalki Presents: My Indian Life (6/10) **6.50** Sporting Witness: Dutch footballing star Ruud Krol recalls the 1974 World Cup **7.00** News **7.05** World Questions: a debate on politics in Italy **8.00** News **8.05** The Arts Hour **9.00** Newshour **10.00** The Newsroom **10.20** Sports News **10.30** The Cultural Frontline **11.00** News **11.05** Music Life: Seckou Keita talks music with Julie Fowlis, Anandi Bhattacharya and Richard Bona **12.00** News **12.05am** BBC OS Conversations **12.30** Kalki Presents: My Indian Life **12.50** More or Less **1.00** News **1.05** The Science Hour **2.00** The Newsroom **2.30** Healthcheck **3.00** News **3.05 CHOICE:** The Documentary: Living in Space **4.00** News **4.05** From Our Own Correspondent **4.30** The Cultural Frontline

BBC Radio 5 Live

693, 909 MW DAB bbc.co.uk/fivelive
F'view 705 **F'sat** 705 **Sky** 0105 **Virgin** 905
Sports Extra F'view 706 F'sat 706
Sky 0131 **Virgin** 908
News and **sport** bulletin every half-hour
Times vary during live sports coverage
5.00am 5 Live Boxing
5.30 World Cup Daily
6.00 Saturday Breakfast
Chris Warburton and Eleanor Oldroyd with news and sports stories from the World Cup.
9.00 Patrick Kielty
With laughs, guests and features, including a game in which a sports fan tests their knowledge against a 5 Live commentator.
11.00 Fighting Talk
Panel sports show with Colin Murray playing judge and jury.
12.00 World Cup
Kelly Cates with build-up to today's World Cup quarter-finals, starting at **3.00pm** with commentary on the third quarter-final. From **5.00** post-match reaction and build-up to the **7.00** commentary on the fourth quarter-final. Reaction to the final World Cup quarter-final game follows at **9.00**.
10.00pm Stephen Nolan
Topical discussion and debate.
1.00am Laura McGhie
News, current affairs and topical discussion, with a phone-in.
BBC 5 Sports Extra
DAB bbc.co.uk/sports extra
F'view 706 **F'sat** 706 **Sky** 0131 **Virgin** 908
4.45am–1.00pm Test Match Special Pakistan v England on day two of the Second Test.
1.00pm Rugby Union Bath v Glasgow Warriors in the European Challenge Cup, then three games in the European Champions Cup: at **3.00** Gloucester v Bordeaux-Bègles; at **5.15** La Rochelle v Northampton Saints; and at **7.30** Castres v Exeter Chiefs.
Talksport
1053, 1089 MW DAB talksport.co.uk
F'view 723 **F'sat** 731 **Sky** 0108 **Virgin** 927
6.00am Sports Breakfast
10.00 GameDay Warm Up
1.00pm World Cup Football The third quarter-final (kick-off **3.00**).
5.00 Fourth quarter-final (k/o **7.00**).
10.00 Sports Bar
1.00am Extra Time
Talksport 2
DAB talksport.co.uk
11.30am–5.00pm Championship Football
Blackburn Rovers v Preston North End (kick-off **12.00**), followed by commentary on a 3pm kick-off.

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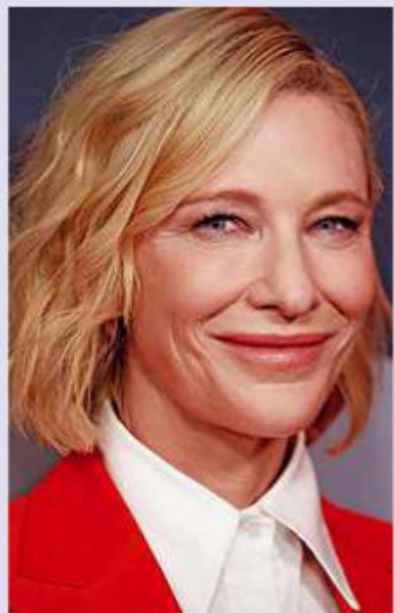
97.3 FM (London area) **DAB** lbc.co.uk
F'view 732 **F'sat** 734 **Sky** 0123 **Virgin** 919
7.00am Andrew Castle **10.00 Matt Frei** **1.00pm Sangita Myska** **4.00 Emily Sheffield** **7.00 Natasha Devon** **9.00 The Legal Hour** **10.00 Nick Abbot** **1.00am Clive Bull** **4.00 Richard Spurr**
Asian Network
DAB bbc.co.uk/asiannetwork
F'view 709 **F'sat** 709 **Sky** 0119 **Virgin** 912
5.00am Ankur Desai
6.00 Love Friday **7.00 Asian Network at 20** **8.00 Smash Bengali** **10.00 Certified** **11.00 Haroon Rashid** **1.00pm Nikita and Mistah Islah** **3.00 AJD** **6.00 Panjabi Hit Squad** **9.00 Pure Spice** **12.00 SOS Bhangra Mix** **1.00am Asian Network Represents** **3.00 Panjabi Hit Squad**

*Not available on Freeview in Scotland 4pm–1am. **Key** (R) Repeat

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SUNDAY Radio

Today's Choices



Desert Island Discs

11.15am **Radio 4**

Cate Blanchett (above) has carefully curated her career (she's certainly not in danger of ever being typecast) and tells Lauren Laverne why she's taken on parts that are at odds with her personal politics, such as the conservative opponent of women's rights Phyllis Schlafly in *Mrs America*. With her new film *Tár* tipped to win her a third Oscar, she talks about the intense preparations she undertook for playing a powerful conductor at the peak of her career – taking up the piano again at the age of 50. She also recalls a childhood that was blighted by the premature death of her father but why this tragedy made her open to every available opportunity. Expect a very eclectic choice of music. **JANE ANDERSON**

Drama: Working Titles – Convenience Store Woman

3.00pm **Radio 4**

More drama from the world of work. In April De Angelis's inviting adaptation of Sayaka Murata's bestselling novel, highly educated Keiko chooses to work in a convenience store so she can be a "normal cog in society". But she cannot disguise the fact she understands the world differently from others. She revealed a shocking lack of empathy at school and as an employee has to learn the required smiling welcome for her customers by carefully imitating colleagues. Question is, what in this modern-day Tokyo (brilliantly evoked by sound designers Adam Woodhams and Steve Bond) counts as normal anyway? **FIONA HUGHES**

The Confessional

7.15pm **Radio 4**

See feature: page 116.

BBC Radio 1

97.6–99.8 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio1
F'view* 700 F'sat 700 Sky 0101 Virgin 901
6.00am Chillout Anthems
7.00 Adele Roberts 10.30 Nat O'Leary 1.00pm Matt and Jamie
4.00 Radio 1's Life Hacks
6.00 Official Chart: First Look
7.00 Radio 1's Chillest Show
9.00 Radio 1's Indie Show
11.00 BBC Introducing on Radio 1
12.00 Future Soul 1.30am UK R&B Mix 2.00 Decompression Session
3.00 Chill Mix 3.30 Motivate Me Mix
4.00 Dance 5.00 Sam and Danni

BBC Radio 2

88–90.2 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio2
F'view* 702 F'sat 702 Sky 0102 Virgin 902
6.00am Good Morning Sunday
The Rev Kate Bottley and Jason Mohammad welcome Channel 5 news presenter Dan Walker.
9.00 Steve Wright's Sunday Love Songs Personal dedications.
11.00 The Michael Ball Show
Guests include composer Howard Blake to mark the 40th anniversary of the TV film *The Snowman*. Style adviser Susannah Constantine discusses her memoir.
1.00pm Elaine Paige on Sunday
3.00 Sounds of the 70s
With Johnnie Walker.
5.00 Judi Love
Sitting in for Rob Beckett.
7.00 Tony Blackburn's Golden Hour
8.00 BBC Radio 2 Young Chorister of the Year
The Rev Kate Bottley and Aled Jones host the grand final of the competition celebrating young choral talent (aged ten to 16) – a joint venture between Radio 2 and *Songs of Praise*. Judging the finalists (three boys and three girls) are Katherine Jenkins, Howard Goodall and David Grant. Recorded in October at the Monastery, Manchester. Producer Katharine Longworth
9.00 Radio 2 Piano Room
Five performances with the BBC Concert Orchestra at the BBC's Maida Vale Studios, broadcast this year on Ken Bruce's show. At **9.00** Sam Smith, at **9.14** Ed Sheeran, at **9.25** Anne-Marie, at **9.37** James Blunt, and at **9.48** Tears for Fears.
10.00 Radio 2 Unwinds with Angela Griffin Music for wellbeing.
12.00 OJ Borg
3.00am Alternative Sounds of the 90s with Dermot O'Leary Baggy.
4.00 Nicki Chapman

BBC 6 Music

DAB bbc.co.uk/6music
Freeview 707 Freesat 707 Sky 0120 Virgin 909
6.00am Amy Lamé
8.00 Radcliffe and Maconie
10.00 Cerys Matthews
1.00pm The First Time with...
2.00 Guy Garvey
4.00 Iggy Pop Personal picks.
6.00 Now Playing @6Music
8.00 Stuart Maconie's Freak Zone Including experimental music.
10.00 Don Letts's Culture Clash Radio
12.00 The Huey Show Presents the Hip-Hop Mixtape 3/6
1.00am 6 Music's Rave Forever 7/26
2.00 This Is Us: 6 Music at 20
Curated playlists, first by Beck (with 2002 picks), then at **3.00** actor Russell Crowe (with his favourite 2003 music).
4.00 BBC Introducing Mixtape
5.00 Chris Hawkins

BBC Radio 3

90.2–92.4 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio3
Freeview* 703 Freesat 703 Sky 0103 Virgin 903
News and weather 7.00am, 8.00 and 1.00pm
7.00am Breakfast With Martin Handley.
9.00 Sunday Morning With Sarah Walker.
12.00 Private Passions
Michael Berkeley is joined by rabbi, writer and broadcaster Jonathan Romain, who talks about what he has learnt over the years about love and marriage from being a rabbi, and why some of his views put him very much out on a limb. His playlist takes in Max Bruch, Leonard Cohen, Rimsky-Korsakov and a tribute to his love of football.
1.00pm Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert
Monday's recital from Wigmore Hall in London, with Hannah French introducing Scottish pianist Steven Osborne, a former Radio 3 New Generation Artist. Steven Osborne (piano)
Debussy Etudes, Book 1; Berceuse héroïque; Etude retrouvée; Etudes, Book 2 (R)
2.00 The Early Music Show
Lucie Skeaping celebrates the 40th anniversary of His Majesty's Sagbutts and Cornetts, whose recording career has brought the "noble instruments" of the 16th and 17th centuries up to date. Plus **Early Music News** with Mark Seow.
3.00 Choral Evensong
Wednesday's service from Salisbury Cathedral to mark 200 years since the birth of César Franck. Responses: Radcliffe. Psalm 37 (Pye, Read, Noble, Turtle). First Lesson: Isaiah 31, vv1–9. Canticles: Collegium Magdalenae oxoniense (Leighton). Second Lesson: Matthew 15, vv1–20. Anthem: Hymn à la vierge (Villette). Hymn: Jesus, Good above All Other (Quem pastores). Voluntary: Choral No 1 in E (Franck). (R)
4.30 Jazz Record Requests
Alyn Shipton with a broad spectrum of jazz requests. ADDRESS: *Jazz Record Requests*, BBC Radio 3, Broadcasting House, London W1A 1AA EMAIL: jazz.record.requests@bbc.co.uk
5.00 The Listening Service
Tom Service delves into the music of Benjamin Britten and explores the unusual stories behind some of his best-loved festive works, including *St Nicolas* and *A Ceremony of Carols*. Repeated Friday 4.30pm
5.30 Words and Music
Twelve. Twelve-tone music, twelve-bar blues, twelve months in a year or signs of the zodiac, numbers on a clock, eggs in a dozen, members of a jury, Norse gods and goddesses... In exploring different takes on the number 12, Barbara Flynn and Caleb Obediah read from various authors, including Joanne Harris, Langston Hughes and Shakespeare, with music by Schoenberg, Richard Strauss, Arthur Sullivan and Philip Glass, among others. Producer Barnaby Gordon (R)
6.45 Sunday Feature: Shostakovich and the Battle for Babi Yar
Lucy Ask tells the story behind the creation of Dmitri Shostakovich's *Symphony No 13* (nicknamed the *Babi Yar*), which was inspired by a poem by Siberian-born writer Yevgeny Yevtushenko

Scala Radio

DAB scalardradio.co.uk Sky 0151
7.00am Hannah Cox Including after **7.00** the **DONNE Triple Play**, featuring women composers.
10.00 Angellica Bell
1.00pm Deb Grant
3.00 The Scala Radio Residency
A playlist curated by Christopher Tin, the first composer of video-game music to win a Grammy.
5.00 The West End Weekend on Scala Radio
6.00 The Scala Sessions 2022 Highlights of this year's live sessions featured on Sam Hughes's show, including violinist Mari Samuelsen, the cast of *Jersey Boys*, pianist Vikingur Olafsson, the Ayoub Sisters, Julie Cooper, Sam Tutty and Abel Selaocoe.
8.00 Sunday Night Scala With Darren Redick.
10.00 The Space Soothing and calming music.
1.00am Night Music 5.00 In the Park

Absolute Radio

DAB absoluteradio.co.uk
F'view 727 F'sat 724 Sky 0107 Virgin 915
8.00am Jason Manford 11.00 Sarah Champion
2.00pm Rock 'n' Roll Football With Jay Lawrence
6.00 Request Show With Claire Sturgess **8.00 Sunday Night Music Club 12.00 Dan Noble**

(1933–2017), about the 1941 massacre of 34,000 Jews by Nazi Germany in the Babi Yar ravine located near the Ukrainian capital of Kyiv. She pieces together the events leading up to the controversial first performance by speaking to people who witnessed it in a Moscow concert hall 60 years ago, including the composer's son Maxim Shostakovich, the poet's sister Elena Yevtushenko and music critic Iosif Raikin. Plus input by biographer Pauline Fairclough and pianist Benjamin Goodman. Producer Tatyana Movshevich

7.30 Drama on 3: Venice Preserved

Adaptation by Gaynor Macfarlane of the 1682 thriller by Restoration dramatist Thomas Otway (1652–85). In a tale of sex, politics and betrayal, the government of Venice is corrupt and self-serving. As rebels prepare for revolution, one of them is caught between love and ideology.

Jaffier	Sandy Grierson	Antonio	Stuart McQuarrie
Pierre	Paul Adeyefa	Bedamar	Anne Lacey
Belvidera	Anna Russell-Martin	Spinosa/Duke	Nalini Chetty
Priuli	Michael Nardone	Renault	Cal MacAninch
Aquilina	Maggie Service		
Director	Gaynor Macfarlane		

9.00 Record Review Extra

Hannah French with a chance to hear at greater length the music works discussed in yesterday's *Record Review*, including Mozart's *Piano Concerto No 21 in C, K467*, as discussed by Natasha Loges.

11.00 Keelan Carew's Piano Odyssey

2/3. A Star Is Born. Keelan looks at the explosion of the piano as the main event at sold-out concerts and the rise of celebrity composer-performers such as Chopin, Rachmaninov and Liszt. Plus a look at the diverse range of sounds and colours from pianists at the turn of the 20th century, from Debussy and Lili Boulanger to jazz virtuosos of the Roaring 1920s, such as Art Tatum and Fats Waller.

12.00 Classical Fix

Linton Stephens creates a six-track classical playlist for a music fan who is curious about classical music but doesn't know where to start.

12.30am Through the Night With Jonathan Swain.
Ustvolkskaya Sports Tchaikovsky Symphony No 5 in E minor Swedish Radio Symphony Orchestra, conductor Anja Bihlmaier **1.58 Berwald String Quartet in G minor**
2.29 Geijer Sonata in F minor for piano, four hands
2.50 Stenhammar Ithaka, Op 21 **3.01 Mozart Mass in C minor, K247 (Great)** **3.51 Bach Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr, BWV662** **3.59 Vladigero Aquarelles, Op 37**
4.07 Liszt Rigoletto Paraphrase **4.14 Auber Guarache (La muette de Portici)** **4.19 Weiss Prelude, Toccata and Allegro in G** **4.29 Schubert Gute Nacht (Winterreise, D911)** **4.35 Graeme Koehne Divertissement: Trois pièces bourgeoises (String Quartet No 1)**
4.47 Glazunov Concert Waltz No 1, Op 47
4.56 Lindberg Shall I Compare Thee to a Summer's Day **5.01 Rota Otto e mezzo** **5.06 Bernstein Glitter and Be Gay (Candide)** **5.12 Dvorak Romance in F minor, Op 11** **5.24 Sibelius Cinq esquisses, Op 114**
5.33 Vivaldi Bassoon Concerto in E minor, RV484
5.45 Schubert Arpeggione Sonata in A minor, D821
6.10 Bantock Celtic Symphony **6.31 Grainger Danish Folk Music Suite (orchestral version)**
6.50 A Scarlatti Recorder Sonata No 3 in C minor

Classic FM

99.9–101.9 FM DAB classicfm.com
Freeview 731 Freesat 721 Sky 0106 Virgin 922
7.00am Aled Jones
Including the **Choral Classic** at **8.15** and the **Classic FM Hall of Fame** at **9.00**.
10.00 John Brunning
1.00pm Catherine Bott
4.00 John Humphrys
With a playlist including personal picks and musical anniversaries, today featuring music by Berlioz – born on this day in 1803 – and a posthumously released recording by Brazilian classical pianist Nelson Friere (1944–2021) of Gluck's *Dance of the Blessed Spirits* (from *Orfeo ed Euridice*).
7.00 Smooth Classics Charlotte Hawkins with a laid-back playlist including spotlights on younger stars, today featuring highlights of the recently released fourth album by 23-year-old French trumpeter Lucienne Renaudin Vary.
9.00 Moira Stuart Meets
13/14. Moira Stuart invites people from the worlds of the arts, politics and sport to discuss significant moments and music in their lives.
10.00 Smooth Classics With Myleene Klass.
1.00am Bill Overton 4.00 Lucy Coward

BBC Radio 4

92.4–94.6 FM 198 LW DAB bbc.co.uk/radio4
Freeview 704 **Freesat** 704 (FM) 710 (LW)
Sky 0104 (FM) 0130 (LW) **Virgin** 904 (FM) 911 (LW)
News 5.30am, 6.00 and hourly to 9.00, 12 noon then hourly to 12 midnight
Weather 6.57am, 7.57, 12.57pm, 5.57, 9.59, 12.15am
Shipping Forecasts 5.20am, 12.01pm (LW), 5.54pm, 12.48am

5.30am News Briefing
5.43 Bells on Sunday From St Mary's Church in Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire.
5.45 Profile Repeated from yesterday 7pm
6.00 News Summary
6.05 Something Understood The Elephant. Mark Tully talks to photographer and conservationist Belinda Wright as he investigates the cultural and spiritual connections between humans and elephants. He also consults work by DH Lawrence, Heathcote Williams and George Orwell, with music by Claude Debussy, June Tabor and Henry Mancini.
Producer Frank Stirling Repeated 11.30pm (R)

6.35 Natural Histories
1/4. Starling. Brett Westwood explores our fascination with the starling and their impressive winter murmurations.
Producer Sarah Blunt (R)

7.00 News; Sunday Papers
7.10 Sunday
The week's religious and ethical issues.

7.54 The Radio 4 Appeal
Rory Kinnear makes an appeal on behalf of Revitalise Respite Holidays.
Producer Anna Bailey Rptd 9.25pm and Thu 3.27pm
Donations: Freepost BBC Radio 4 Appeal, marked Revitalise Respite Holidays on the back of the envelope; Credit/debit cards: Freephone 0800 404 8144; online via the Radio 4 website

8.00 News; Sunday Papers
8.10 Sunday Worship Gaudete Sunday. The Most Rev Mark O'Toole, the Catholic Archbishop of Cardiff and Bishop of Menevia, leads a service from St David's Metropolitan Cathedral in Cardiff, for the third Sunday of Advent – also known as Gaudete Sunday or Rejoicing Sunday. Music to include Exsultate Justi (Viadana), O admirabile commercium (Palestrina) and a selection of advent hymns.

8.48 A Point of View
A reflection on a topical issue with a range of contributors. Repeated from Friday

8.58 Tweet of the Day
The sound of the song thrush. (R)

9.00 Broadcasting House
Presented by Anita Anand.

10.00 The Archers Omnibus edition.
11.15 Desert Island Discs
RT Cate Blanchett talks to Lauren Laverne and selects eight favourite recordings to take to the BBC's hypothetical island.
Producer Sarah Taylor Repeated Friday 9am

BBC Radio 4 Extra

DAB bbc.co.uk/radio4extra
Freeview 708 **Freesat** 708 **Sky** 0126 **Virgin** 910
6.00am Poetry Extra With Daljit Nagra
6.30 Dearest Squirrel as 5.30pm
7.40 Inheritance Tracks as 12.40pm
7.50 A Passage to India as 6.50pm
9.00 Stilgoe's Around as 8pm
9.30 Something to Shout About as 2.30pm
10.00 Desert Island Discs A 1970 edition with the Irish crooner Val Doonican (1927–2015)
10.30 Susan Hill: Autumn as 3.30pm
11.00 Poetry Extra With Daljit Nagra. From 2012
11.30 Dearest Squirrel as 5.30pm
12.40pm Inheritance Tracks Harry Connick Jr discusses Louis Armstrong and Judy Garland
12.50 A Passage to India as 6.50pm
2.00 Stilgoe's Around as 8pm
2.30 Something to Shout About 1961 episode of the sitcom by Myles Rudge and Ronnie Wolfe, poking fun at the advertising world. With Michael Medwin, Eleanor Summerfield and Fenella Fielding
3.00 Desert Island Discs as 10am
3.30 Susan Hill: Autumn A middle-aged couple attempt to escape from the past by moving house. As they talk in the garden, they find this is not easy to achieve. The tale stars June Brown – who died in April, aged 95 – and Bernard Hepton. First broadcast in 1985 on Radio 3

12.04pm I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue 4/6. Jack Dee hosts the comedy panel game from the Fairfield Halls in Croydon. Tony Hawks and Jo Brand compete against Marcus Brigstocke and Graeme Garden.
Repeated from Monday
Repeated tomorrow 10pm Radio 4 Extra

12.30 The Food Programme
Sheila Dillon visits a community library in Blackburn for *The Food Programme's* annual look at the year's best food and drink books. Producer Natalie Donovan Repeated tomorrow 3.30pm
1.00 The World This Weekend
Global news and analysis, presented by Jonny Dymond.

1.30 Faith in Music
3/4. Edward Elgar. James MacMillan explores the faith life of Elgar. He talks with Em Marshall-Luck, Stephen Johnson and Joanna Bullivant about Elgar's religious upbringing and the triumphs and tragedies of his life, which were reflected in his attitude towards faith and religion. Producer Rosie Boulton (R)

2.00 Gardeners' Question Time
Kathy Clugston invites Bob Flowerdew, Matthew Wilson and Anne Swithinbank to answer questions from the postbag at East Ruston, Norfolk. Repeated from Friday

2.45 One Dish
15/15. Comedian and writer Jack Rooke shares a ramekin of stuffing, as well as revealing some favourite memories and learning about its long and varied history. Producer Lucy Dearlove
Executive producer Hannah Marshall

3.00 Drama: Working Titles – Convenience Store Woman
RT Adapted by April De Angelis from the bestseller by Sayaka Murata. Keiko has never had a boyfriend and has worked in the same Tokyo convenience store for 18 years. Her friends wonder why she won't get married, but Keiko knows what makes her happy, and she won't let anyone come between her and her convenience store.

Keiko Shiraha	Yuriri Naka	Mrs Izumi	Clare Corbett
Manager	Will Howard	Sister	Lara Sawalha
	Luke Jerdy	Miho	Jean-y Spark

Producer Sarah Tombling; Director Nicolas Jackson

4.00 Open Book
Chris Power and guests choose the best novels of the year, and there's a deep dive into the writing of the renowned Polish stylist Bruno Schulz.
Producer Ciaran Bermingham Repeated Thursday 3.30pm

4.30 The Poetry Detective
3/3. Not in Love Poems. Vanessa Kisuule explores the stories behind people's most treasured poems. She finds out why they matter and unfolds the story of the poem itself – who wrote it, what was the context it came out of and how does it work its magic? Producer Mair Bosworth Repeated Saturday 11.30pm

4.00 MR James Stories Adaptation by Michael and Mollie Hardwick of MR James's 1911 ghost story *Martin's Close*. With Donald Wolfitt. From 1963
4.30 Red as Blood Stella Gonet reads a dark variation on the Snow White fantasy. From 2003
5.00 Poetry Extra With Daljit Nagra. From 2012
5.30 Dearest Squirrel Biographical work by Peter Whitebrook based on letters between influential playwright John Osborne (1929–94) and his first wife Pamela Lane. Abridged by Polly Coles. From 2018 – omnibus (1–5/5)
6.40 Inheritance Tracks as 12.40pm
6.50 A Passage to India Penelope Wilton stars in a dramatisation by Tanika Gupta of EM Forster's 1924 novel – omnibus (1–5/10)
8.00 Stilgoe's Around Richard Stilgoe's comedy, with Emma Thompson and the Cambridge Buskers
8.30 Something to Shout About as 2.30pm
9.00 Desert Island Discs as 10am
9.30 Susan Hill: Autumn as 3.30pm
10.00–12.00 Comedy Club: Electric Ink (1/6), at **10.30 Son of Cliché**, at **11.00 Detective Sergeant Nick Mohammed** (4/4), and at **11.30 At Home with the Snails** (4/4)
12.00 as 5pm **12.30am** as 5.30pm **1.40** as 6.40pm **1.50** as 6.50pm **3.00** as 2pm **3.30** as 2.30pm **4.00** as 10am **4.30** as 3.30pm **5.00 Alexander** David Wade's drama starring Barry Foster (3/6)

5.00 Paradise Lost: the Rise and Fall of the Eldonian Dream
Matt O'Donoghue investigates why the Eldonian Village in Liverpool, Britain's first co-operatively owned and residents-designed housing development, has become so dilapidated and the ownership of assets been shipped offshore, away from the residents. Repeated from Tuesday

5.40 Profile Repeated from yesterday 7pm
6.00 Six o'Clock News
6.15 Pick of the Week
Julie Hesmondhalgh presents a selection of highlights from the past seven days' BBC radio output. Producer Nick Holmes

7.00 The Archers
The pressure mounts on Brookfield and Jazzer is feeling frustrated.
For cast see Friday Repeated tomorrow 2pm
Ambridge diary: page 117

7.15 The Confessional
RT New series. 1/6. Stephen Mangan returns with the comedy chat show about shame and guilt, with actor, writer and illustrator Jessie Cave giving her confession. Producer Frank Stirling
Repeated Friday 10pm Radio 4 Extra
See feature: page 116

7.45 Voices in the Valley
7/10. The Haven by Andrew Michael Hurley. It is 1899, and a traveller to Barrowbeck finds himself at the Haven Psychiatric Hospital at harvest time. Read by Toby Jones. Producer Justine Willett

8.00 Feedback
9/11. Andrea Catherwood presents listeners' views on BBC radio. Repeated from Friday

8.30 Last Word
Matthew Bannister celebrates people who have recently died. Repeated from Friday

9.00 Money Box Rptd from yesterday 12.04pm
9.25 The Radio 4 Appeal Rptd from 7.54am

9.30 Britain's Communist Thread
2/3. Mistakes Were Made. Camilla Schofield explores the crises within the communist movement in the wake of the revelations contained in Nikita Khrushchev's "secret speech" in February 1956. Producer Martin Williams (R)

10.00 The Westminster Hour
Political magazine with Carolyn Quinn.

11.00 Loose Ends Rptd from yesterday 6.15pm
11.30 Something Understood Repeated from 6.05am

12.00 News and Weather
12.15–12.45am Sideways
6/6. My Last 5p. Matthew Syed explores how the effects of a seemingly small moment of generosity can ripple out to be significant on a much larger scale. Repeated from Wednesday
1.00 as BBC World Service

BBC World Service

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5.00am The Newsroom **5.30** The Documentary: India: Our Trains, Electric **6.00** Weekend **8.30** The Food Chain **9.00** News **9.05** From Our Own Correspondent **9.30** Outlook: **10.00** News **10.05** Trending **10.30** Heart and Soul: exploring life as a third-generation Jew in present-day Poland **11.00** The Newsroom **11.30** The Compass: How to Be a Former President (2/3) **12.00** News **12.05pm** World Questions: Rome: a debate on politics in Italy **1.00** Newshour **2.00** News **2.05** The Forum: a discussion on Margaret Sanger, the so-called "mother" of birth control **2.50** Over to You **3.00** News **3.05** Sportsworld **7.00** The Newsroom **7.30** Unspun World with John Simpson **8.00** News **8.05** The History Hour **9.00** Newshour **10.00** The Newsroom **10.20** Sports News **10.30** Outlook **11.00** News **11.05** Trending **11.30** Pick of the World **11.50** Over to You **12.00** News **12.05am** From Our Own Correspondent **12.30** Heart and Soul **1.00** The Newsroom **1.30** Wild Inside: the harbour porpoise **2.00** The Newsroom **2.30** The Climate Question **3.00** News **3.05** Tech Tent **3.30** Pick of the World **3.50** Over to You **4.00** The Newsroom **4.30** The Conversation

BBC Radio 5 Live

693, 909 MW DAB bbc.co.uk/fivelive
F'view 705 **F'sat** 705 **Sky** 0105 **Virgin** 905
Sports Extra F'view 706 **F'sat** 706 **Sky** 0131 **Virgin** 908

News and **sport** bulletin every half-hour
Times vary during live sports coverage
5.00am Match of the Day: Top Ten Gary Lineker, Ian Wright and Alan Shearer discuss Ian and Alan's all-time World Cup XI.
5.30 World Cup Daily
6.00 5 Live Science
7.00 Sunday Breakfast With Chris Warburton and Eleanor Oldroyd.
10.00 Helen Skelton
12.00 5 Live Sport With Steve Crossman. At **12.30pm** football commentary from the Women's Super League. From **2.30** further sports news, then at **3.15** commentary on Saracens v Edinburgh in the European Rugby Champions Cup. At **5.00** there's a review of the day's sport, plus World Cup discussions. **Sport: p35**
6.00pm 6-0-6 Football calls with Robbie Savage and Chris Sutton.
8.00 Kammy and Ben's Proper Football Podcast
8.30 Different with Nicky Campbell Author Finn Mackay discusses gender identity and the trans experience. (R)
9.00 Stephen Nolan
12.00 Moment of Truth Two episodes of the podcast series.
1.00am Dotun Adebayo

BBC 5 Sports Extra

DAB bbc.co.uk/sports extra
F'view 706 **F'sat** 706 **Sky** 0131 **Virgin** 908
4.45am–1.00pm Test Match Special Pakistan v England on day three of the Second Test.
9.00–1.00am NFL A week 14 fixture played on the west coast.

Talksport

1053, 1089 MW DAB talksport.co.uk
F'view 723 **F'sat** 731 **Sky** 0108 **Virgin** 927
6.00am Sports Breakfast
9.00 Jonny Owen and Friends
11.00 The Warm Up
1.00pm The Sunday Session
5.00 The Boot Room
8.00 Talksport Special
9.00 Trans Europe Express
12.00 Talksport Special **1.00am Extra Time** **5.00 Early Breakfast**

Talksport 2

DAB talksport.co.uk
12.15pm–2.30 Women's Super League Football Man City v Man Utd (kick-off **12.30**). **See page 35**
9.00–5.00am NFL Tampa Bay Buccaneers v San Francisco 49ers (k/o **9.25**) and Kansas City Chiefs v Denver Broncos (kick-off **1.20**).

LBC

97.3 FM (London area) **DAB** lbc.co.uk
F'view 732 **F'sat** 734 **Sky** 0123 **Virgin** 919
7.00am Andrew Castle **10.00 David Lammy** **1.00pm Sangita Myska** **4.00 Ben Kentish** **7.00 Rachel Johnson** **10.00 Nick Abbot** **1.00am Darren Adam** **4.00 Steve Allen**

Asian Network

DAB bbc.co.uk/asiannetwork
F'view 709 **F'sat** 709 **Sky** 0119 **Virgin** 912
6.00am Old Skool Mix **7.00 Asian Network** at 20 **8.00 Smash Bengali** **10.00 Throwbacks** **11.00 Gagan Grewal** **1.00pm Dippys Bhamrah** **3.00 Nadia Ali** **5.00 Kan D Man** **7.00 Pritt** **9.00 Asian Network Represents** **11.00 Chill** **12.00 Beyond Bollywood** **1.00am Asian Network News Presents** **2.00 BBC Introducing** **4.00 Bobby Friction**

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MONDAY Radio

Today's Choices



The Essay: Postcards from the Floating Coast

10.45pm Radio 3
Twenty years ago, environmental historian and writer Bathsheba Demuth would have been on the back of a dog sled in the Arctic conditions of Yukon Territory, Canada. Now she's more likely to be found in the basement of a library – but she has never lost her passion for these wild extremes and how people, places and animals evolve together, changing one another, sometimes for good, sometimes for bad, always interacting. Over the course of this week, Demuth writes about humankind's relationship with whales, walruses, reindeer and salmon, but begins here with dogs. Forget amiable pooches, Demuth is talking about resilient, hardy canines where humans must earn their trust and which, according to one Yupik story, would shred the soul of a cruel master in the afterlife. **JANE ANDERSON**

Lights Out

11.00pm Radio 4
We watch people baring their souls in documentaries and wonder whether they've really considered the repercussions of what they're doing. The first episode of the new series of *Lights Out* gets under the skin of what's almost a modern Faustian pact. Canadian film-maker Jess Shane, who advertised for people to share their "personal true story" on camera, dwells on the business of the \$50 fee and the release form, and then grills her subjects about their reasons for discussing their traumas with strangers. **DAVID MCGILLIVRAY**

Book of the Week: A Heart That Works

9.45am Radio 4 FM
Pick of the Week: page 117

BBC Radio 1

97.6–99.8 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio1
F'view* 700 F'sat 700 Sky 0101 Virgin 901

7.00am Greg James
10.30 Rickie, Melvin and Charlie
1.00pm Dean and Vicky
3.30 Vick and Jordan
6.00 Clara Amfo
8.00 Radio 1's Future Artists
10.00 Radio 1's Power Down Playlist With Sian Eleri.
11.00 Daniel P Carter
1.00am BBC Introducing Rock on Radio 1
2.00 Radio 1's Future Alternative
3.00 Radio 1's Workout Anthems
4.00 Radio 1 Dance
5.00 Sam and Danni

BBC Radio 2

88–90.2 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio2
F'view* 702 F'sat 702 Sky 0102 Virgin 902

6.30am Zoe Ball
Upbeat show with chat and music.
9.30 Ken Bruce
Music, chat and features including the **PopMaster** quiz (daily at **10.30**), after **11.30** throughout the week, **Tracks of My Years**, this week featuring ten of the favourite records of football manager and former player Martin O'Neill. His first two daily picks are favourite records by Buddy Holly and the Kinks.
Your RT Puzzles: page 151
12.00 Jeremy Vine
2.00pm Scott Mills
4.00 Sara Cox
Lively chat, listener interaction, music from Radio 2's current playlist and, from **6.30**, **Sara Cox's Half Wower**, featuring potentially mood-lifting hits.
7.00 Jo Whiley
9.00 The Blues Show with Cerys Matthews
An eclectic blues-inspired playlist.
10.00 Trevor Nelson's Rhythm Nation
Including at **10.00** the feature **Magnificent 7** – a nostalgic half-hour of potentially uplifting tunes and essential throwbacks.
12.00 OJ Borg
3.00am Pick of the Pops 1/2. Paul Gambaccini with the singles chart from this week in 1966. (R) See tomorrow
4.00 Nicki Chapman

BBC 6 Music

DAB bbc.co.uk/6music
Freeview 707 Freesat 707 Sky 0120 Virgin 909

7.30am Lauren Laverne
10.30 Jamz Supernova
Sitting in for Mary Anne Hobbs.
1.00pm Craig Charles
4.00 Steve Lamacq
7.00 Marc Riley
9.00 Gideon Coe
12.00 In Their Own Words...
A marathon of programmes devoted to New York punk maverick Patti Smith, starting with a 2018 profile by way of BBC archive interviews and performances across her career.
1.00am Patti Smith's Horses at 45
A celebration of Patti Smith's influential 1975 album *Horses*, with Don Letts introducing the album in full, punctuated by Smith's reflections. From 2020.
2.00 Patti Smith at Glastonbury 2015 A Pyramid Stage performance.
3.00 Patti Smith on 6 Music
A 2015 programme with the singer/songwriter playing DJ, featuring Eddie Cochran, the Pixies, REM, the Clash and the Jimi Hendrix Experience.
4.00 The Patti Smith Playlist
Celebrating Patti Smith's music, origins, influences and inspirations.
5.00 Chris Hawkins

BBC Radio 3

90.2–92.4 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio3
Freeview* 703 Freesat 703 Sky 0103 Virgin 903
News and weather Half-hourly 6.30–8.00am, 1.00pm, 6.00

6.30am Breakfast With Petroc Trelawny.
9.00 Essential Classics With Georgia Mann.
12.00 Composer of the Week: Leokadiya Kashperova (1872–1940)
1/5. Tutored by Rubinstein. Donald Macleod is joined by Graham Griffiths to profile Russian musician and composer Leokadiya Kashperova, one of the most talented composers and pianists of her generation and a student of composer Nikolay Solovoyov and pianist Anton Rubinstein. They begin by looking at her student years.
Symphony in B minor, Op 4 (excerpt)
BBC Concert Orchestra, conductor Jane Glover
Dich Einz'gen lieb' ich (Songs of Love: 12 Romances, No 2); *Gebet* (Songs of Love: 12 Romances, No 3)
Claire Booth (soprano), Alisdair Hogarth (piano)
The Murmuring of the Rye (In the Midst of Nature); *The Threshing of the Wheat (In the Midst of Nature)*
Mengjie Han (piano)
Cello Sonata in E minor, Op 1 No 2 (1st mvt)
Anastasia Kobekina, Luka Okros (piano)
Symphony in B minor, Op 4 (1st mvt)
BBC Concert Orchestra, conductor Jane Glover
Evening; Night
BBC Singers, conductor Hilary Campbell
1.00pm Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert
Martin Handley introduces a recital from **LIVE** Wigmore Hall in London.
William Thomas (bass), Malcolm Martineau (piano)
Schubert *L'incanto degli occhi, D902 No 1*; *Auf der Donau, D553*; *Schwanengesang, D957*; *Das Fischer mädchen; Fahrt zum Hades, D526*
Wolf *Drei Gedichte von Michelangelo. Bei einer Trauung; Der Tambour; Fussreise (Mörike Lieder)*
Strauss *Das Tal, Op 51 No 1*; *Der Einsame, Op 51 No 2*
Schubert *Du bist die Ruh, D776*; *Am Tage aller Seelen, D343*
Repeated Sunday 1pm
2.00 Afternoon Concert
Fiona Talkington presents a week of programmes celebrating the BBC Symphony Orchestra.
Randall Thompson Alleluia
BBC Singers, conductor Paul Brough
Maconchy Proud Thames
BBC Symphony Orchestra, conductor Michael Seal
Bach *Prelude and Fugue in G sharp minor, BWV863 (The Well-Tempered Klavier)*
Mahan Esfahani (harpsichord)
Mendelssohn Overture: Ruy Blas
BBC Symphony Orchestra, conductor Jiri Belohlavek
Vivaldi Violin Concerto in B flat, RV362 (La caccia)
Freiburg Baroque Orchestra, director Gottfried von der Goltz (violin)
Bach Italian Concerto, BWV971
Mahan Esfahani (harpsichord)
3.00 Vaughan Williams Symphony No 4
BBC SO, conductor Ryan Wigglesworth
Poulenc Figure humaine
BBC Singers, conductor David Hill

Scala Radio

DAB scalaradio.co.uk Sky 0151

7.00am Charles Nove Including **Questions of the Day** and, from **9.00**, **Screen Time**.
10.00 Mark Forrest Music and features.
1.00pm Sam Hughes Including at **2.00** a weekly showcase of female composers as part of Scala's ongoing partnership with DONNE, Women in Music, a charitable foundation dedicated to achieving gender equality in the music industry. Today's playlist features works by Sally Beamish, Katherine Kennicott Davis and Mari Esabel Valverde.
4.00 Penny Smith Scala's drive-time show.
7.00 Richard Allinson With music and features.
10.00 The Space Soothing and calming music.
1.00am Night Music **5.00 In the Park**

Absolute Radio

DAB absoluteradio.co.uk
F'view 727 F'sat 724 Sky 0107 Virgin 915
6.00am Dave Berry Lively chat, guests and tunes, with Dave joined by Matt Dyson
10.00 Leona Graham
1.00pm Ben Burrell Old and new mainstream and indie rock and pop, from the Beatles and the Kinks to the Kooks and Kasabian.
4.00 Bush and Richie **7.00 Danielle Perry** **10.00 Jay Lawrence** **1.00am Dan Noble**

Shostakovich Piano Concerto No 2
Kirill Gerstein, BBC Symphony Orchestra, conductor Semyon Bychkov

4.30 New Generation Artists

The Aris Quartet performs Mozart's *String Quartet in B flat*, the most popular of his set dedicated to Haydn, with its hunting call opening theme.

Mozart String Quartet in B flat, K458 Aris Quartet

5.00 In Tune

Sean Rafferty with music and guests, featuring a live performance by the Gould Piano Trio.

7.00 In Tune Mixtape An eclectic playlist.

7.30 Radio 3 in Concert

John Storgards, chief guest conductor of the BBC Philharmonic Orchestra, makes his debut with the Berlin Philharmonic at the Berlin Philharmonie in a programme that opens with Nielsen's memorable depiction of the sun rising over the Aegean Sea and ends with Bruckner's seldom-heard Sixth Symphony. Berlin PO, conductor John Storgards

Nielsen Overture: Helios

Bruckner Symphony No 6 in A

9.00 Ultimate Calm

10/12. Olafur Arnalds looks at the comforting effect that the sounds of bad weather can have on you when you're tucked up inside. A playlist related to rain, wind and thunder features music by Chopin, Eydis Evensen and Chihei Hatakeyama. In this week's **Safe Haven** feature, Pakistani composer Arooj Aftab discusses a recording from a thunderstorm outside her apartment in New York. Producer Katie Callin

10.00 Music Matters Repeated from Saturday 11.45am

10.45 The Essay: Postcards from the Floating Coast

1/5. In the Minds of Dogs. Environmental historian Bathsheba Demuth examines the intertwined pasts of the people and animals of the lands and waters around the Bering Strait – the ice-studded stretch of ocean between Alaska and the Russian far east. She begins by looking at the shifting historical relationship between humans and dogs. Producer Natalie Steed

11.00 Night Tracks With Sara Mohr-Pietsch.

12.30am Through the Night With Jonathan Swain.

Holst The Hymn of Jesus, Op 37 Bloch Schelomo – Rhapsodie hébraïque; Prayer, from From Jewish Life Walton Belshazzar's Feast Sol Gabetta (cello), Thomas Hampson (baritone), Oslo Philharmonic Chorus and Orchestra, conductor Klaus Makela **1.59 Dvorak Trio in E minor, Op 90 (Dumky)** **2.31 Brahms Symphony No 2 in D** **3.09 Strauss Piano Sonata in B minor, Op 5** **3.34 Stenhammar Three choral songs** **3.40 Sanz Tarantella** **3.48 Kodaly Adagio for clarinet and piano** **3.56 Purcell Let Mine Eyes Run Down with Tears** **4.05 Milhaud Rag-caprices, Op 78** **4.12 Golestan Arioso and Allegro de concert** **4.21 Monteverdi Dixit Dominus (Psalm 110)** **4.31 Abel Symphony in E flat, Op 10 No 3** **4.40 Mompou Scènes d'enfants** **4.49 Vedel Choral Concerto No 5: I Cried unto the Lord with My Voice (Psalm 143)** **4.59 J Strauss (son), arr Schoenberg Rosen aus dem Suden** **5.08 Haydn Divertimento in B flat, H II 46 (Feldpartita)** **5.17 Debussy Danse sacrée et danse profane** **5.27 Mozart Quintet in E flat, K 452** **5.52 Vaughan Williams Overture: The Wasps** **6.01 Mendelssohn Octet in E flat, Op 20**

Classic FM

99.9–101.9 FM DAB classicfm.com
Freeview 731 Freesat 721 Sky 0106 Virgin 922

6.00am More Music Breakfast

Tim Lihoreau with music, news and features, including at **7.25** the **Breakfast Serial**.

9.00 Alexander Armstrong

Classical hits, starting with **The Classic Hall of Fame Hour**, featuring favourite pieces voted into the current Classic FM Top 300.

12.00 Anne-Marie Minhall

Including at **12.00 Classic FM Requests** – with listeners phoning in requests during the programme – and at **3.00 Hall of Fame 3 at 3**.

4.00pm John Brunning

Classic FM favourites presented by the Essex-born composer and former Mungo Jerry guitarist. Plus features, including the **Discovery of the Week**.

7.00 Smooth Classics

Zeb Soanes with a playlist of classical music designed to help listeners relax and recharge, including at **9.00** the **Great Escape**.

10.00 Smooth Classics

With Margherita Taylor.

1.00am Bill Overton

With a playlist tailored for late-night listening.

4.00 Lucy Coward

Music and features.



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News 5.30am, 6.00 and hourly to 12 midnight
Weather 5.56am, 6.07, 6.57, 7.57, 12.57pm, 5.57, 9.59, 12.30am
Shipping Forecasts 5.20am, 12.01pm (LW), 5.54pm (LW), 12.48am

5.30am News Briefing
5.43 Prayer for the Day
With the Rt Rev Mary Stallard.
5.45 Farming Today
Food, farming and the countryside.
5.58 Tweet of the Day
Debbie Pain, of the Slimbridge Wetland Centre, reflects on the call of the marsh harrier. (R)
6.00 Today
With Martha Kearney and Justin Webb.
6.25, 7.25, 8.25 Sports News
7.48 Thought for the Day
With Professor Mona Siddiqui.
9.00 Start the Week
Listening in the Dark. Swedish bat scientist Johan Eklof warns how light pollution is threatening the ancient rhythms of life, neuroscientist Professor Geraint Rees examines the neural bias of consciousness against the dark, writer Kate Summerscale explores the phobias that haunt the imagination as the lights go off, and director of the World Service's new drama *The Dark Is Rising*, Simon McBurney, talks about creates a spine-tingling winter soundscape with the use of binaural sound. With Adam Rutherford. Producer Katy Hickman Shortened repeat 9.30pm
9.45 FM Book of the Week: A Heart That Works
RT **1/5.** Rob Delaney reads from his intimate and unflinching account of the life and death of his young son Henry. Abridged by Clara Glynn. Producer Eildh McCreadie Repeated 12.30am
Pick of the Week: page 117
9.45 LW Daily Service
A space for spiritual reflection with a Bible reading, prayer and a range of Christian music, led by Dr Mark ZY Tan. Reading: John 14, vv1–7. God of Mercy, God of Grace, sung by Norwich Cathedral Choir; Thou Art the Way (Christopher Steel), sung by Wells Cathedral Choir; O Little Town of Bethlehem (Vaughan Williams/Simcock), sung by Westminster Cathedral Choir.
10.00 Woman's Hour
Presented by Emma Barnett. Editor Karen Dalziel
11.00 The Untold
9/11. Life after Long Covid. One woman shares her experience of long Covid, two years of life-saving phone calls, cloud-gazing park walks, home-schooling squabbles, summer holidays that don't feel like summer holidays and lots of lying in bed.

BBC Radio 4 Extra

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Freeview 708 **Freesat** 708 **Sky** 0126 **Virgin** 910
6.00am Detective as 4pm
6.30 Master and Commander as 4.30pm
7.00 The Crossway as 12 noon
7.15 A Passage to India By EM Forster (6/10)
7.30 Dot as 5.30pm
8.00 Brothers in Law Legal sitcom. From 1970
8.30 Legal, Decent, Honest and Truthful
9.00 All the Way from Memphis Music quiz (3/6)
9.30 Romantic Friction 2001 comedy (3/4)
10.00 Alexander By David Wade. From 1993 (3/6)
11.00 Detective as 4pm
11.30 Master and Commander as 4.30pm
12.00 The Crossway An account by Guy Staggs of his epic journey. Abridged by Jill Waters and Isobel Creed and read by Jonathan Bailey. From 2018 (1/5)
12.15pm A Passage to India By EM Forster (6/10)
12.30 Dot as 5.30pm
1.00 Brothers in Law Legal sitcom. From 1970
1.30 Legal, Decent, Honest and Truthful
2.00 All the Way from Memphis Music quiz (3/6)
2.30 Romantic Friction 2001 comedy (3/4)
3.00 Alexander By David Wade. From 1993 (3/6)
4.00 Detective Ray Brooks stars in Robert Barr's procedural thriller *A Dream of Riches*. From 1982
4.30 Master and Commander Dramatisation of Patrick O'Brian's 1969 novel set mostly on a Royal Navy ship during the Napoleonic Wars – the

11.30 Michael Morpurgo's Folk Journeys 3/4. Ten Thousand Miles. The author examines love song *Ten Thousand Miles*, considering its location and historical context. (R)
12.04pm You and Yours
Reports on consumer affairs.
1.00 The World at One
Presented by Sarah Montague.
1.45 Please Protect Abraham 6/10. The Parcel. Sam Holder investigates how the justice system deals with vulnerable witnesses, focusing on the treatment of 15-year-old Abraham Badru who rescued a teenage girl from being gang-raped. Today Abraham returns to Hackney, but a series of events that begin with an innocuous delivery lead him to believe that his true identity has been revealed. Producer Anishka Sharma
2.00 The Archers Repeated from yesterday 7pm
2.15 Drama: Broken Colours New series. 1/4. Series two of the thriller by Matthew Broughton. After Jess accidentally shot and killed gang leader Magner, Dan wants to make a new start and move away from the corruption and violence of gang life. Yet while Jess is trying to be supportive, there's something that keeps pulling her back to the criminal world. Director Emma Harding; Producers Emma Harding, John Norton and Philippa Swallow For cast see Wednesday
3.00 Nature Table 3/6. Sue Perkins hosts the comedy panel show recorded at London Zoo, joined by zoologist Yussef Rafik, entomologist Dr Karim Vahed and comedian Lucy Porter. Producer Simon Nicholls; Executive producer Richard Morris Repeated Saturday 11pm
3.30 The Food Programme
Repeated from yesterday 12.30pm
4.00 Bells That Still Can Ring
Following work at the only major bell foundry left in the UK, John Taylor & Co in Leicestershire. The bells it has produced famously ring at St Paul's Cathedral and there are others in over 100 countries, and the bell used for the AC/DC track *Hells Bells* was cast at its base in Loughborough. Rptd from Thursday
4.30 Bad Blood: the Story of Eugenics 4/6. Rassenhygiene. In the name of eugenics, the Nazi state sterilised hundreds of thousands against their will, murdered disabled children and embarked on a programme of genocide. We think of Nazi atrocities as a unique aberration, but Adam Rutherford reveals that leading American eugenicists and lawmakers like Madison Grant and Harry Laughlin inspired many of the Nazi programmes. And he details how, before the Second World War, many eugenicists across the world regarded the Nazi regime with envious admiration. Producer Ilan Goodman

first historical novel in the Aubrey-Maturin series. With Michael Troughton, Nigel Anthony, Frances Jeater, Lloyd Johnson and others. From 1995 (6/6)
5.00 The Crossway as 12 noon
5.15 A Passage to India By EM Forster (6/10)
5.30 Dot Fenella Woolgar stars in the wartime-set comedy adventure by Radio Academy Award-winning writer Ed Harris. With Kate O'Flynn, Freya Parker, Jane Slavin and others. From 2016 (2/4)
6.00 Brothers in Law Legal sitcom. From 1970
6.30 Legal, Decent, Honest and Truthful
Satire set in the competitive world of advertising (2/6)
7.00 All the Way from Memphis A 2004 episode of the music quiz hosted by James Walton (3/6)
7.30 Romantic Friction 2001 comedy (3/4)
8.00 Radiolab Jad Abumrad and Robert Krulwich discuss passing a sentence on to the next generation
9.00 Unreal: a Critical History of Reality TV Pandora Sykes and Sirin Kale explore tabloid stars the Kardashians-Jenners. From August on Radio 4 (6/10)
9.50 David Attenborough's Life Stories 10.00–12.00 Comedy Club: I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue (4/6), at **10.30 Dave Podmore's World of Cricket** (3/4), at **11.00 Dead Ringers** (1/6), and at **11.30 As Told to Craig Brown** (2/6)
12.00 as 3pm **1.00am** as 4pm **1.30** as 4.30pm **2.00** as 5pm **2.15** as 5.15pm **2.30** as 5.30pm **3.00** as 6pm **3.30** as 1.30pm **4.00** as 2pm **4.30** as 2.30pm **5.00 Alexander** (4/6)

5.00 PM Presented by Evan Davis.
6.00 Six o'Clock News
6.30 I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue 5/6. John Finnemore, Pippa Evans, Fred Macaulay and Rory Bremner play at the Theatre Royal Newcastle. Jack Dee chairs.. Producer Jon Naismith Repeated Sunday 12.04pm
7.00 The Archers
There's romance on the cards for the Grundys and George is put on the spot. For cast see Friday Repeated tomorrow 2pm
7.15 Front Row
Composer Nitin Sawhney talks about his mentor and inspiration, the Indian sitar virtuoso and composer Ravi Shankar. Producer Jerime Weatherald
8.00 Putin 2/3. Jonny Dymond looks at the first month of Vladimir Putin's war with Ukraine. With guests including journalist and author Owen Matthews and BBC journalist and host of *UkraineCast*, Vitaliy Shevchenko, he examines how Putin's ambitions and assumptions lay in smouldering ruins by the end of the month and asks how Putin psychologically deals with setbacks. Producers Nathan Gower and Octavia Woodward Editor Simon Watts Repeated Wednesday 11am
8.30 Crossing Continents 3/10. Oakland's Cannabis Reparations. Sharon Hemans reports on California's attempts to help black and Latino people benefit from the state's multibillion-dollar legal cannabis industry. Repeated from Thursday
9.00 Phantoms in the Brain 1/4. "I Am Not Mentally Ill" – Hannah's Story. Professor Guy Leschziner explores the nature of physical and mental health, looking at how some physical symptoms may have psychiatric causes – and vice versa. Repeated from Tuesday
9.30 Start the Week Shortened rpt from 9am
10.00 The World Tonight With Ritula Shah.
10.45 Book at Bedtime: A Town Called Solace 1/5. Mary Lawson's novel detailing the tenderness and tragedy of everyday lives in a backwater town in 1970s Ontario. Read by Genevieve Gaunt. Abridged by Florence Bedell. Producer Clive Brill
11.00 Lights Out RT New series. 1/6. Accounts and Accountability. A documentary-maker hosts an open-call audition for subjects to feature in her next project, providing an insight into the ethics of buying and selling true stories. Producer Jess Shane
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00 News and Weather
12.30–12.45am Book of the Week: A Heart That Works Rptd from 9.45am (FM only)
1.00 as BBC World Service

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5.00am Newsday **8.00** News **8.05** Hardtalk **8.30** Business Daily **8.50** Witness History **9.00** The Newsroom **9.30** The Climate Question **10.00** News **10.05** The Cultural Frontline **10.30** Kalki Presents: My Indian Life (6/10) **10.50** More or Less **11.00** The Newsroom **11.30** The Conversation **12.00** News **12.05pm** Outlook **12.50** Witness History **1.00** The Newsroom **1.30** Crowd Science **2.00** Newshour **3.00** News **3.05** Hardtalk **3.30** World Business Report **4.00** BBC OS **6.00** News **6.05** Outlook **6.50** Witness History **7.00** The Newsroom **7.30** Sport Today **8.05** The Climate Question: examining the viability of the world's first commercial-scale sand battery, which stores energy as heat within sand **8.30** Wild Inside: Ben Garrod and Jess French unravel the secrets to success of the alpaca. First broadcast on Radio 4 **9.00** Newshour **10.00** The Newsroom **10.20** Sports News **10.30** World Business Report **11.00** News **11.05** Hardtalk **11.30** The Conversation **12.00** News **12.05am** The History Hour **1.00** News **1.05** Business Matters **2.00** The Newsroom **2.30** The Documentary: Asylums of Japan – Makiko's Story **3.00** News **3.05** Outlook **3.50** Witness History **4.00** The Newsroom **4.30** In the Studio

BBC Radio 5 Live

693, 909 MW DAB bbc.co.uk/fivelive
F'view 705 **F'sat** 705 **Sky** 0105 **Virgin** 905
Sports Extra F'view 706 F'sat 706
Sky 0131 **Virgin** 908
News and **sport** bulletin every half-hour
Times vary during live sports coverage
5.00am Wake Up to Money
Fiscal news, reports and analysis.
6.00 5 Live Breakfast
With Rick Edwards, live from Qatar on day 23 of the World Cup. Plus Rachel Burden with further news.
9.00 Nicky Campbell
Discussion of topical issues, with the chance for listeners to phone in.
11.00 Naga Munchetty
With the latest news, big-name interviews from around the UK.
1.00pm Nihal Arthanayake 4.00 5 Live Drive
Tony Livesey and Clare McDonnell with the latest news and sport.
7.00 5 Live Sport
Mark Chapman with sports news, debate and features including at **7.00 The Monday Night Club**, in which he's joined by guests to discuss the weekend's World Cup action and look ahead to the semi-finals. At **9.00 5 Live Cricket**, featuring a review of Pakistan v England on day four of the Second Test. From **9.30** there's further coverage of the day's sports action.
10.00 Colin Murray
Topical discussion. Plus regular features, including at **12.00 Monday Night Fan Club**, with experts discussing in depth a favourite hobby or interest declared by a listener, who also features.
1.00am Dotun Adebayo

BBC 5 Sports Extra

DAB bbc.co.uk/sports extra
F'view 706 **F'sat** 706 **Sky** 0131 **Virgin** 908

4.45am–1.00pm Test Match Special Pakistan v England on day four of the Second Test, with commentary starting early Monday.

Talksport

1053, 1089 MW DAB talksport.co.uk
F'view 723 **F'sat** 731 **Sky** 0108 **Virgin** 927
6.00am Sports Breakfast
Presented by Laura Woods.
10.00 Jim White and Simon Jordan Sporting insight.
1.00pm Hawksbee and Baker 4.00 Drive Presented by Andy Goldstein and Darren Bent.
7.00 Kick Off
Debating sporting issues.
10.00 Sports Bar 1.00am Extra Time 5.00 Early Breakfast

LBC

97.3 FM (London area) **DAB** lbc.co.uk
F'view 732 **F'sat** 734 **Sky** 0123 **Virgin** 919
7.00am Nick Ferrari
10.00 James O'Brien
1.00pm Shelagh Fogarty
4.00 Tom Swarbrick
6.00 Tonight with Andrew Marr
7.00 Iain Dale
10.00 Ian Payne 1.00am Darren Adam 4.00 Steve Allen

Asian Network

DAB bbc.co.uk/asiannetwork
F'view 709 **F'sat** 709 **Sky** 0119 **Virgin** 912
6.00am The Everyday Hustle
7.00 Nikita Kanda
10.00 Certified
11.00 Noreen Khan
2.00pm Certified Throwbacks
3.00 Ankur Desai
6.00 Bobby Friction
8.00 The Everyday Hustle
Presented by Sonya Barlow.
9.00 Chill 11.00 News Presents
12.00 Beats 1.00am Bobby Friction 3.00 Takeover

*Not available on Freeview in Scotland 4pm–1am. **Key** (R) Repeat

TUESDAY Radio

Today's Choices



In the Studio

11.30am/11.30pm

BBC World Service

Radio 3 presenter Sean Rafferty is in his element here, getting alongside the Chinese-born phenomenon of the piano, Lang Lang (above). An inspiration to millions of young people in his homeland and beyond, Lang Lang is a global figure like no other in classical music, but it's his more personal side that Rafferty reveals, hearing what it was like to be a child prodigy and to now find himself as much an educator as a performer. Lang Lang also talks about Bach's *Goldberg Variations* and how this most profound and complex of works is inseparable from the extraordinary journey he has been on. And there's a lovely moment involving the virtuoso's wife, Gina Alice. **SIMON O'HAGAN**

The Documentary: Asylums of Japan – Makiko's Story

9.30am/8.05pm

BBC World Service

Japan is one of the most scientifically advanced, richly cultured, well-educated and wealthy countries in the world, which is what makes this documentary so shocking. Journalist and producer Makiko Segawa was sent to one of Japan's many psychiatric hospitals as a young woman. It was a terrifying experience, but she managed to effect her own release. Thousands don't and the country has over 300,000 inpatients, which equates to one fifth of the global total. She speaks with the Japanese authorities, human rights campaigners and people who have been through this tough system (often involving physical restraints, sometimes for years) about what the future holds for patients.

JANE ANDERSON

BBC Radio 1

97.6–99.8 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio1
F'view* 700 F'sat 700 Sky 0101 Virgin 901

7.00am Greg James
10.30 Rickie, Melvin and Charlie
1.00pm Dean and Vicky
3.30 Going Home with Jordan
6.00 Clara Amfo
8.00 Radio 1's Future Artists
10.00 Power Down Playlist
11.00 Annie Nightingale
1.00am Drum 'n' Bass Mix
2.00 Radio 1's Live Lounge
3.00 Radio 1's Dance Anthems
4.00 Radio 1 Dance
5.00 Arielle Free

BBC Radio 2

88–90.2 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio2
F'view* 702 F'sat 702 Sky 0102 Virgin 902

6.30am Zoe Ball
9.30 Ken Bruce
Including after **11.30 Tracks of My Years**, with football manager Martin O'Neill discussing big 1960s hits by the Beatles and Small Faces.
12.00 Jeremy Vine
News, human interest stories and topical discussion. Plus music.
2.00pm Scott Mills
Chat, laughs, music and daily features, including the **Birthday Game** – in which a listener picks a number one from this week in a given year as determined by a spin of the birthday wheel – and **Speed Mates**, which tests two close work colleagues to see how well they really know each other.
4.00 Sara Cox
7.00 Jo Whiley
9.00 The Jazz Show with Jamie Cullum
10.30 Trevor Nelson's Rhythm Nation
12.00 OJ Borg
Chat, music and features including themed pun-related **Punderland XI, Midnight Mastermind** – in which listeners challenge OJ in a specialist subject – and the weekly themed **Yawn Chorus**.
3.00am Pick of the Pops 2/2. Paul Gambaccini counts down the singles chart from this week in 1978, when the Top 20 included the Clash, Dollar, Barbra Streisand and Neil Diamond, Racey, Blondie, Chic and the Village People. (R)
4.00 Nicki Chapman

BBC 6 Music

DAB bbc.co.uk/6music
Freeview 707 Freesat 707 Sky 0120 Virgin 909

7.30am Lauren Laverne
10.30 Jamz Supernova
1.00pm Craig Charles
4.00 Steve Lamacq
7.00 Marc Riley
9.00 Gideon Coe
12.00 6 Music Artist in Residence 1/10. The first of ten themed playlists from London singer/songwriter, rapper, guitarist and producer Jamie T, who begins by re-creating his *Panic Prevention Mixtape V1* (2014), with music by the Clash, Prince, Rancid, Paul Weller and the Beastie Boys.
1.00am A Punk Tale of Two Cities 1&2/2. "Punk professor" Vivien Goldman assesses whether London or New York can claim to have really started the movement. From 2013.
3.00 Live Hour
Toploader at Glastonbury in 2000, plus sessions by the Raveonettes (in 2005) and About Group (in 2011).
4.00 Artist Icons Collection
Comic star Richard Ayoade shares his favourite Arctic Monkeys tracks.
5.00 Chris Hawkins

BBC Radio 3

90.2–92.4 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio3
Freeview* 703 Freesat 703 Sky 0103 Virgin 903

News and weather as Monday

6.30am Breakfast

Petroc Trelawny with arts news, listeners' texts and music, including the **Bach before 7** feature and works linked to music-related anniversaries.

9.00 Essential Classics

Georgia Mann with music and features, including at **10.10 Song of the Day** and at **11.30 Slow Moment**.

12.00 Composer of the Week: Kashperova 2/5. Teaching Igor Stravinsky. Donald Macleod delves into Leokadiya Kashperova's early career as a pianist, performing her own piano concerto. With the help of Graham Griffiths he follows Kashperova as she graduates from the St Petersburg Conservatory and begins her career. *Piano Concerto in A minor* (excerpt) Alexandra Dariescu, BBC Symphony Orchestra, conductor Chris Hopkins
The Eagle and the Snake Jamie W Hall (baritone), Paul Plummer (piano)
Cello Sonata in G, Op 1 No 1 (1st mvt) Andrei Ionita, Lilit Grigoryan (piano)
Piano Trio in A minor, Op posth (3rd mvt) Gould Piano Trio
Piano Concerto in A minor (Allegro maestoso – Molto allegro) Alexandra Dariescu, BBC Symphony Orchestra, conductor Chris Hopkins
Autumn Leaf No 1 (In the Midst of Nature); Autumn Leaf No 2 (In the Midst of Nature) Mengjie Han (piano)

1.00pm Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert

Nicola Heywood-Thomas with the first of this week's highlights from the Cowbridge Music Festival, held in September in the ancient market town of Cowbridge within the Vale of Glamorgan.

Mozart Violin Sonata in B flat, K454

Elena Urioste (violin), Tom Poster (piano)
Bartok Evening in Transylvania, SZ39 No 5 (Ten Easy Pieces); Dear Dance, SZ39 No 10 (Ten Easy Pieces); A Bit Drunk, SZ45 No 2 (Four Dirs); Swineherd's Dance, SZ42 No 10 (For Children)

Liŷr Williams (piano)
Hensel Piano Quartet in A flat, Op 55
Kaleidoscope Chamber Collective, Elena Urioste (violin), Rosalind Ventris (viola), Laura van der Heijden (cello), Tom Poster (piano)

2.00 Afternoon Concert

With Fiona Talkington.
Libby Larsen Dear Love (Love Songs, No 4)
BBC Singers, conductor Will Dawes
Bach Prelude and Fugue in E, BWV854 (The Well-Tempered Klavier)
Mahan Esfahani (harpsichord)
Elisabetta Brusa Firelights
BBC Symphony Orchestra, conductor Stefan Solyom
Dupré Paraphrase sur le Te Deum, Op 43
Nathan Laube (organ of Saint Wenceslas Cathedral, Olomouc)
Bach Toccata in D, BWV912
Mahan Esfahani (harpsichord)
3.00 Richard Flury Symphony No 1
BBC Symphony Orchestra, conductor Paul Mann

Scala Radio

DAB scalardio.co.uk Sky 0151

7.00am Charles Nove Music, a light look at the newspapers and features including **Questions of the Day** and, from **9.00, Screen Time** – an hour of music from films, TV shows, adverts and video games.

10.00 Mark Forrest Including at **11.30** a guest from the arts and entertainment world. Plus a pick of listeners' requests from **12.00**.

1.00pm Sam Hughes Popular classical works, including after **3.00 Sam's Matinée Moment**.

4.00 Penny Smith Including at **5.30** the **Clocking Off** track and, just before **7.00**, the **Showstoppers**.

7.00 Richard Allinson Including after **7.00** the latest classical releases, at **8.00** the **Scala Piano Playlist** and, from **9.00**, an hour of calming pieces.

10.00 The Space Soothing and calming music.

1.00am Night Music 5.00 In the Park

Absolute Radio

DAB absoluteradio.co.uk

F'view 727 F'sat 724 Sky 0107 Virgin 915

6.00am Dave Berry Chat, guests and tunes, with Dave joined by Matt Dyson
10.00 Leona Graham 1.00pm Ben Burrell 4.00 Bush and Richie 7.00 Danielle Perry 10.00 Jay Lawrence 1.00am Dan Noble

Artist Choice

Paul Mann's pick
Jon Lord Piano Concerto: Boom of the Tingling Strings (excerpt) Nelson Goerner, Odense Symphony Orchestra, conductor Paul Mann
Schumann Kreisleriana Lucas Vondracek (piano)
Elgar, arr Tertis Viola Concerto (arr from Cello Concerto) Timothy Ridout (viola), BBC Symphony Orchestra, conductor Martyn Brabbins

5.00 In Tune

Sean Rafferty with news from the classical world, music and studio guests, including live performances.

7.00 In Tune Mixtape

An inspired and unpredictable playlist of nonstop music from across the spectrum.

7.30 Radio 3 in Concert

Martin Handley introduces a concert recorded on 9 November at The Lighthouse in Poole.
Sarah Connolly (mezzo), Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra, conductor Mark Wigglesworth

Ravel Ma mère l'Oye

Mahler Rheinlegend; Das irdische Leben; Verlorne Müh; Wo die schönen Trompeten blasen; Urlicht (Des Knaben Wunderhorn)

8.05 Interval

8.20 Grace-Evangeline Mason The Imagined Forest

Humperdinck, arr Kempe Hansel and Gretel Suite

10.00 Free Thinking

Lisa Mullen leads a discussion on the benefits of making lists. She's joined by author Henry Eliot, New Generation Thinker Florence Hazrat, author Liam Young and researcher Joanna Nolan.

Producer Luke Mulhall

10.45 The Essay: Postcards from the Floating Coast

2/5. In the Country of Whales. Bathsheba Demuth heads to the country of bowhead whales, to examine how different people in the Arctic have valued these creatures. She shows how these whales responded to commercial hunting by changing their culture and how their choices pushed into the domain of people.

11.00 Night Tracks

Sara Mohr-Pietsch introduces a playlist tailored for late-night listening.

12.30am Through the Night

With Jonathan Swain.

Coleridge-Taylor Nonet in F minor, Op 2 Osmo Vanska Overture Weill Concerto for Violin and Winds, Op 12

Erin Keefe (violin), Minnesota Orchestra, conductor Osmo Vanska **1.35 Franck Piano Quintet in F minor**

1.50 Enescu Isis 2.31 Lopes-Graca Cancoes regionais portuguesas, Op 39 3.14 Schumann Waldszenen, Op 82 3.39 Kilar Little Overture 3.46 Handel Recorder

Sonata in G minor, HWV360 3.54 Schubert Der Alpenjäger, Op 37 No 2 4.00 Kuula Wedding March, Op 3b No 2 4.05 Haydn Two marches for wind band

3.51 Rachmaninov Two Pieces for cello and piano, Op 2

4.20 A Scarlatti Sonata No 3 in C minor for flute, two violins, cello and continuo 4.31 Hutschenruyter

Ouverture voor groot orkest 4.40 Chopin Two Nocturnes, Op 32 4.49 Jan Sandstrom Surge 4.57 Jeanjean

Prelude and Scherzo for bassoon and piano

5.06 Purcell Sonata No 7 in E minor for two violins

5.14 Haczewski Symphony in D

5.23 Górczycki Missa paschalis 5.38 Beethoven Eroica

Variations, Op 35 6.03 Respighi Rossiniana Suite (R)

Classic FM

99.9–101.9 FM DAB classicfm.com

Freeview 731 Freesat 721 Sky 0106 Virgin 922

6.00am More Music Breakfast

Tim Lihoreau with music, news and features, including at **7.25** the **Breakfast Serial**.

9.00 Alexander Armstrong

Classical hits, starting with **The Classic Hall of Fame Hour**, featuring favourite pieces voted into the current Classic FM Top 300. And at **10.15 Album of the Week**.

12.00 Anne-Marie Minhall

Including at **12.00 Classic FM Requests** – with listeners phoning in requests during the programme – and at **3.00 Hall of Fame 3 at 3**, featuring three works from the current Classic Hall of Fame chart.

4.00pm John Brunning

Classic FM favourites presented by the Essex-born composer and former Mungo Jerry guitarist. Plus the **Discovery of the Week** at **6.20**.

7.00 Smooth Classics

Zeb Soanes with three hours of potentially calming classical music to help listeners relax and recharge, including at **9.00** the **Great Escape**.

10.00 Smooth Classics With Margherita Taylor.
1.00am Bill Overton 4.00 Sam Pittis

BBC Radio 4

92.4–94.6 FM 198 LW DAB bbc.co.uk/radio4
Freeview 704 **Freesat** 704 (FM) 710 (LW)
Sky 0104 (FM) 0130 (LW) **Virgin** 904 (FM) 911 (LW)
News, weather and **shipping forecasts** as yesterday; no weather at 5.56am

5.30am News Briefing
5.43 Prayer for the Day
With the Rt Rev Mary Stallard.
5.45 Farming Today Rural developments.
5.58 Tweet of the Day Hooded crows. (R)
6.00 Today
With Martha Kearney and Justin Webb.
6.25, 7.25, 8.25 Sports News.
6.45 Yesterday in Parliament
7.48 Thought for the Day With Anne Atkins.
8.31 LW Yesterday in Parliament
9.00 Room Five
2/4. Tre. Helena Merriman tells the story of Tre who when he was ten years old, saw a strange figure in the corner of his bedroom that began moving towards him. Tre had nightmarish, hallucinatory experiences like this all through his childhood, as well as sleep paralysis, until one day his school teacher spotted something in him she recognised. Tre then began a long battery of tests and scans, until the clues come together and revealed a diagnosis that explained everything. Producer Helena Merriman Repeated 9.30pm
9.30 Flight of the Ospreys
8/10. Emily Knight and the Conservation without Borders team follow the migrating ospreys as they skirt the coast of Senegal. Producers Emily Knight and Alasdair Cross
9.45 FM Book of the Week: A Heart That Works
2/5. Rob Delaney reads from his book. Rob's professional gamble has paid off – but he's about to be needed at home more than ever. The next episode is tomorrow at 12.30am. See Monday for details Repeated 12.30am
9.45 LW Daily Service
Led by Claire Campbell-Smith. Colossians 2, vv1 – 7. Immortal Invisible (*St Denio*), sung by Rugby School Choir; O Where Shall Wisdom Be Found (William Boyce), sung by New College Choir, Oxford; Thy Word, sung by Amy Grant.
10.00 Woman's Hour With Emma Barnett.
11.00 Phantoms in the Brain
2/4. "I'm Tired of Feeling a Prisoner to My Thoughts" – Moksha's Story. Professor Guy Leschziner looks at the case of hospital doctor Moksha, who had electrodes implanted deep within his brain to change electrical activity, which offers him some hope of improving his debilitating obsessive compulsive disorder. Leschziner also hears from Matthew, whose depression has been associated with feelings of inflammation or infection in his body, and leading neuroscientists describe their research into how the immune system may influence brain functioning. Producer Sally Abrahams Repeated Monday 9pm

BBC Radio 4 Extra

DAB bbc.co.uk/radio4extra
Freeview 708 **Freesat** 708 **Sky** 0126 **Virgin** 910
6.00am Detective as 4pm
6.30 The Blackburn Files as 4.30pm
7.00 The Crossway By Guy Stagg (2/5)
7.15 A Passage to India as 5.15pm
7.30 Ed Reardon's Week as 12.30pm
8.00 The Goon Show 1957 comedy
8.30 In the Balance Comedy thriller (5/6)
9.00 Who Goes There? Biographical quiz (2/6)
9.30 No Commitments as 7.30pm
10.00 Alexander as 3pm
11.00 Detective as 4pm
11.30 The Blackburn Files as 4.30pm
12.00 The Crossway By Guy Stagg (2/5)
12.15pm A Passage to India as 5.15pm
12.30 Ed Reardon's Week Comedy by Andrew Nickolds and Christopher Douglas. Series eight (2/6)
1.00 The Goon Show 1957 comedy
1.30 In the Balance Comedy thriller (5/6)
2.00 Who Goes There? Biographical quiz (2/6)
2.30 No Commitments as 7.30pm
3.00 Alexander David Wade's drama about Alexander the Great (356–323 BC). With Barry Foster, Simon Ward, Brian Cox (*Succession*), Geraldine James, Sam Crane and many others. From 1993 (4/6)
4.00 Detective Ray Brooks stars in Robert Barr's thriller *Two on the Run*, about two foolish students

11.30 Laura Barton's Notes on Music New series. 1/3. The Baritone Voice. The music writer is joined by opera singer Roderick Williams who shares the characterisation of the baritone voice in classical concert music and reflects with Matt Berninger of rock band the National, on the wisdom, masculinity and melancholy often associated with it. Producer Alan Hall
12.04pm Call You and Yours
Phone-in presented by Winifred Robinson. PHONE: 0370 010 0444 (Lines open from 10am) email: youandyours@bbc.co.uk
1.00 The World at One
News and analysis with Sarah Montague.
1.45 Please Protect Abraham
7/10. They Pray. Abraham's friends and family retrace the events of Sunday 25 March 2018, a night that changed all of their lives. They remember it in vivid detail; the images have stayed in their minds for years.
2.00 The Archers Repeated from yesterday 7pm
2.15 Drama: Broken Colours
2/4. By Matthew Broughton. Jess and Dan try to piece together what happened at the supermarket shooting. Cracks appear in the relationship and they don't see eye to eye. When an injured man appears at her door, Jess lets in more than she expected. Director John Norton For cast see Monday.
3.00 Short Cuts
4/10. Expression. The secret language between partners, the melody of the voice, laughter from your belly and permission to scream – Josie Long presents short visceral documentaries about how we express ourselves. Series producer Eleanor McDowall
3.30 A Thorough Examination with Drs Chris and Xand: Can I Change?
2/8. Does Our Birth Order Affect Our Personality? The twins investigate whether the order we're born in has any affect on us personally by reaching out to their younger brother J and reminiscing about childhood. Producers Hester Cant and Alexandra Quinn; Repeated tomorrow 9pm
4.00 Will Bird Flu Steal Christmas?
The UK is suffering its worst ever outbreak of avian flu. Turkey producers are struggling and fear there may be shortage at Christmas. The poultry industry is in crisis, with farmers going out of business. Charlotte Smith investigates why the outbreak has got so bad, why vaccines are not being used, and if bird flu will steal Christmas. Producer Beatrice Fenton
4.30 Great Lives
2/8. Writer Olivia Laing nominates gardener and writer Christopher Lloyd. She and Matthew Parris go to Lloyd's family home, Great Dixter, to meet head gardener Fergus Garrett who worked alongside Lloyd and became one of his closest friends. Producer Mair Bosworth
5.00 PM With Evan Davis.

4.30 The Blackburn Files
Fine Time Fontayne stars in the detective comedy drama *A Case of Frinks and Moores*, by Ian McMillan, Dave Sheasby and Martyn Wiley. From 1991
5.00 The Crossway By Guy Stagg (2/5)
5.15 A Passage to India Penelope Wilton stars in a bold dramatisation by Tanika Gupta (7/10)
5.30 Ed Reardon's Week as 12.30pm
6.00 The Goon Show 1957 comedy
6.30 In the Balance Comedy thriller (5/6)
7.00 Who Goes There? Biographical quiz (2/6)
7.30 No Commitments Simon Brett's sitcom about three sisters. With Rosemary Leach, Celia Imrie and Angela Thorne and Bill Nighy. From 2001 (3/6)
8.00 TED Radio Hour Exploring gratitude
8.50 Inheritance Tracks With Sharon D Clarke
9.00 Unreal: a Critical History of Reality TV Pandora Sykes and Sirin Kale look at *The Only Way Is Essex* and *Made in Chelsea* (7/10)
9.50 David Attenborough's Life Stories
10.00–12.00 Comedy Club: Hennikay (3/4), at **10.30 Tina C: Her Story** (4/4), at **11.00 My Teenage Diary** (2/6), and at **11.30 Children's Hour with Armstrong and Miller** (3/4)
12.00 as 3pm **1.00am** as 4pm **1.30** as 4.30pm **2.00** as 5pm **2.15** as 5.15pm **2.30** as 5.30pm **3.00** as 6pm **3.30** as 1.30pm **4.00** as 2pm **4.30** as 2.30pm **5.00 Alexander** (5/6)

6.00 Six o'Clock News
6.30 Hennikay
4/4. Going Home. Comedy by David Spicer. After losing his job, Guy has started to run out of money and he still can't get rid of his imaginary friend. He decides to visit his mother in search of answers but finds out more than he had hoped.
Guy Tony Marika **Bill Bailey** Sheila **Miranda Richardson**
Dave Lamb Hennikay **Max Pattison**
Elizabeth Carling
Producer Liz Anstee
7.00 The Archers
One resident makes a drunken admission and emotions threaten to overwhelm Ruth. For cast see Friday Repeated tomorrow 2pm
7.15 Front Row
Luke Jones discusses a new version of the Arabian Nights told from the female point of view, written for the Globe by its resident writer Hannah Kalil. Producer Olivia Skinner
8.00 What's a Tory?
After months of turbulence involving the ousting of two prime ministers, the Conservative party, the UK's historically most successful party, faces a challenging winter with polls suggesting it's headed for defeat at the next election. Lewis Goodall talks to insiders and party figures about the ideological tensions underlying the party's struggles. Producer Leala Padmanabhan Repeated Sunday 5pm
8.40 In Touch
Peter White with news and information for people who are blind or partially sighted.
9.00 All in the Mind
How does crafting influence mental health? Claudia Hammond hears from ex-convicts who took up embroidery in prison to find an escape and better prepare for their release. Producer Paula McGrath Repeated tomorrow 3.30pm
9.30 Room Five Repeated from 9am
10.00 The World Tonight With Ritula Shah.
10.45 Book at Bedtime: A Town Called Solace
2/5. By Mary Lawson. Elizabeth discovers she won't ever be going home. Clara still longs for her sister and decides to do something about the man next door, who is stealing Mrs Orchard's things. Read by Genevieve Gaunt. For details see Monday
11.00 Rhys James Isn't... "A"
1/2. The comedian explores two opposing sets of opinions, today adopting a liberal perspective on issues such as sexuality, gender issues, environmentalism and social media. Producer Carl Cooper (R)
11.30 Today in Parliament
News, views and analysis from Westminster.
12.00 News and Weather
12.30–12.45am Book of the Week: A Heart That Works Rptd from 9.45am (*FM only*)
1.00 as BBC World Service

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9.00 Nicky Campbell
Topical discussions, big-name interviews and listeners' calls.
11.00 Naga Munchetty
News, big-name interviews and listeners' personal experiences.
1.00pm Nihal Arthanayake
News and topical conversation including big-name interviews.
4.00 5 Live Drive
Tony Livesey and Clare McDonnell with the latest news and sport. .
6.00 World Cup 2022
Sports news, debate and build-up to the first semi-final of the World Cup, with commentary starting at **7.00**. Reaction to the game follows at **9.00**.
10.00 Colin Murray
Vital topical discussion. Plus features, including at **11.00 The Big News Hour** – an in-depth look at a big news story – and at **12.00 Midnight Meets**, in which Colin sits down with notable guests to find out what makes them tick.
1.00am Dotun Adebayo
Topical discussion, with a phone-in.

BBC 5 Sports Extra

DAB bbc.co.uk/sports extra
F'view 706 **F'sat** 706 **Sky** 0131 **Virgin** 908
4.45am–1.00pm Test Match Special Pakistan v England on day five of the Second Test, with live commentary starting early Tuesday.

Talksport

1053, 1089 MW DAB talksport.co.uk
F'view 723 **F'sat** 731 **Sky** 0108 **Virgin** 927
6.00am Sports Breakfast
10.00 World Cup GameDay Warm Up
1.00pm World Cup GameDay Live
5.00 World Cup Football Commentary on the first semi-final (kick-off **7.00**).
10.00 Sports Bar
1.00am Extra Time
5.00 Early Breakfast

Talksport 2

DAB talksport.co.uk
7.00pm–10.00 EFL Trophy Football A third-round match.

LBC

97.3 FM (London area) **DAB** lbc.co.uk
F'view 732 **F'sat** 734 **Sky** 0123 **Virgin** 919
7.00am Nick Ferrari **10.00 James O'Brien** **1.00pm Shelagh Fogarty** **4.00 Tom Swarbrick**
6.00 Tonight with Andrew Marr
7.00 Iain Dale **10.00 Ian Payne**
1.00am Darren Adam
4.00 Steve Allen

Asian Network

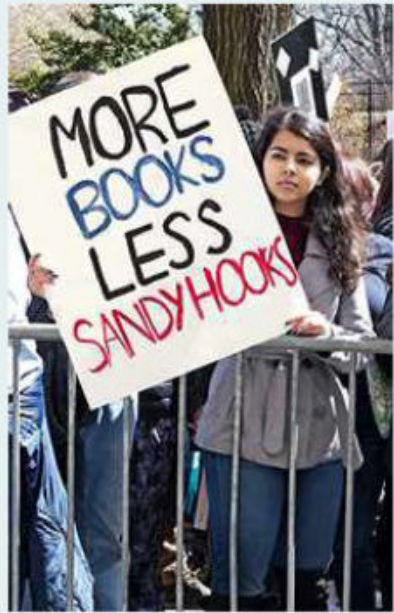
DAB bbc.co.uk/asiannetwork
F'view 709 **F'sat** 709 **Sky** 0119 **Virgin** 912
5.00am Beyond Bollywood: the Podcast **6.00 Chill** **7.00 Nikita Kanda** **10.00 Certified**
11.00 Noreen Khan
2.00pm Certified Throwbacks
3.00 Ankur Desai
6.00 Bobby Friction **8.00 BBC Introducing on Asian Network**
10.00 All Star Anthems
11.00 Fresh **12.00 Ankur Desai**
1.00am Bobby Friction **3.00 DJ Limelight and Kan D Man**

*Not available on Freeview in Scotland 4pm–1am. **Key** (R) Repeat

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WEDNESDAY Radio

Today's Choices



A Bad Guy with a Gun

4.00pm **Radio 4**

"This is a story without an end. You might have heard it before," says narrator Alison Shultes, as she opens this analysis of America's complicated relationship with firearms. Starting with the December 2012 slaughter of 20 children and six adults at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut – whose families are pictured here campaigning for gun control – the programme asks why there have been "active shooter incidents" at almost 1,000 schools and colleges since this horrific attack. Tracing the relationship back to the 1791 Second Amendment on the "right of the people to keep and bear arms", this could have been a sickening, exploitative listen. Congratulations go to the producer, Lizzy McNeill, and editor Penny Murphy, for ensuring it is both gentle and intensely thought-provoking. Here's hoping the National Rifle Association tunes in.

JANE ANDERSON

Radio 3 in Concert

7.30pm **Radio 3**

Puccini was the black sheep of his family. For four generations, the Puccinis of Lucca had all been church musicians, and young Giacomo was destined to follow in their footsteps. But then, aged 18, he saw Verdi's *Aida* and was instantly set on the primrose path to perdition – or at least to operatic fame. But before embarking upon his string of worldly successes, from *La bohème* to *Turandot*, he bid farewell to Lucca, and to the church, with an impressively assured *Messa di Gloria*. Not revived until 1952 and still rarely heard – though bits pop up in other Puccini scores – it ends tonight's Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra concert. MARK PAPPENHEIM

BBC Radio 1

97.6–99.8 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio1
F'view* 700 F'sat 700 Sky 0101 Virgin 901

7.00am Greg James
10.30 Rickie, Melvin and Charlie
1.00pm Dean and Vicky
3.30 Vick and Jordan
6.00 Clara Amfo
8.00 Radio 1's Future Artists
10.00 Power Down Playlist
11.00 Benji B With future beats.
1.00am Wind Down Presents
2.00 The Radio 1 Interview
2.15 Playlists 2.30 6 Degrees from Jamie and Spencer
3.00 Radio 1's Live Lounge
4.00 Radio 1 Dance
5.00 Arielle Free

BBC Radio 2

88–90.2 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio2
F'view* 702 F'sat 702 Sky 0102 Virgin 902

6.30am Zoe Ball
9.30 Ken Bruce
Music, chat and features including after **11.30 Tracks of My Years**, with former football manager and player Martin O'Neill. Today he discusses two more personal favourite recordings, one by the Beach Boys and the other by the Bee Gees.
12.00 Jeremy Vine
Topical discussion covering a cross-section of subjects. Plus a playlist dominated by hip chart oldies.
2.00pm Scott Mills
4.00 Sara Cox
7.00 Jo Whiley
New music and hip oldies including the **Shiny Happy Playlist**, with 30 minutes of feel-good music to start the show. Plus features including the **Radio 2 Culture Club**.
9.00 The Folk Show with Mark Radcliffe
An eclectic playlist of folk and acoustic music from here and abroad, tonight featuring an hour of seasonal songs inspired by Christmas, midwinter customs, and country scenes.
10.00 Trevor Nelson's Rhythm Nation
12.00 OJ Borg
Music, chat and features, with extensive input from listeners.
3.00am Sounds of the 80s Mastermix Gary Davies with an hour of feel-good tracks from the 1980s.
4.00 Nicki Chapman

BBC 6 Music

DAB bbc.co.uk/6music
Freeview 707 Freesat 707 Sky 0120 Virgin 909

7.30am Lauren Laverne
10.30 Jamz Supernova
1.00pm Craig Charles
4.00 Steve Lamacq
Music and features, including a **Christmas Listening Party** featuring an hour-long live interview with Charlatans frontman Tim Burgess, who shares some of his favourite music. See Friday 7.30am
7.00 Marc Riley
9.00 Gideon Coe
BBC archive live performances.
12.00 Freak Zone Playlist
Music picks chosen by left-field and experimental musicians and DJs.
1.00am Joe Strummer's London Calling Four episodes of the 1998–2001 BBC World Service series hosted by Clash frontman Joe Strummer.
3.00 Live Hour George Thorogood and the Destroyers at the North East London Poly in 1979, plus sessions by Electric Soft Parade (in 2007) and Chew Lips (in 2009).
4.00 Jukebox 5.00 Chris Hawkins

BBC Radio 3

90.2–92.4 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio3
Freeview* 703 Freesat 703 Sky 0103 Virgin 903

News and weather as Monday
6.30am Breakfast With Petroc Trelawny.
9.00 Essential Classics
Georgia Mann with music, extensive listener input and regular features, including at **10.10 Song of the Day** and at **11.30 Slow Moment**.
12.00 Composer of the Week: Kashperova 3/5. Journeys Outside Russia. Donald Macleod and Graham Griffiths find Kashperova in the early 20th century, well established as a successful pianist and composer. On a visit to Estonia, and despite her reputation, she becomes a student again. *Wunsch (Songs of Love: 12 Romances, No 4)* Ruby Hughes (soprano), Huw Watkins (piano) *Where Do the Stars Come From* Emma Tring (soprano), Andrew Rupp (baritone), Paul Plummer (piano), BBC Singers, conductor James Sherlock *Symphony in B minor, Op 4 (3rd mvt)* BBC Concert Orchestra, conductor Jane Glover *Ich harre Dein' (Songs of Love: 12 Romances, No 9); Nachtgebet (Songs of Love: 12 Romances, No 11); Im Frühling (Songs of Love: 12 Romances, No 12)* Claire Booth (soprano), Alisdair Hogarth (piano) *Cello Sonata in E minor, Op 1 No 1 (excerpt)* Andrei Ionita, Lilit Grigoryan (piano)
1.00pm Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert
Nicola Heywood-Thomas presents highlights from the Cowbridge Music Festival in September. *Fauré Violin Sonata No 1 in A, Op 13* Elena Urioste (violin), Tom Poster (piano) *Albéniz El Albaicin (Iberia, Book 3); El Polo (Iberia, Book 3)* Llŷr Williams (piano) *Liszt Hungarian Rhapsody, S244/12* Llŷr Williams (piano) *Trad Eriskay Love Lilt* Elena Urioste (violin), Tom Poster (piano)
2.00 Afternoon Concert
Penny Gore presents live from Maida Vale. **LIVE Stravinsky Four Russian Peasant Songs** Women of the BBC Singers, conductor James Weeks **Farrenc Overture No 1 in E minor** BBC Symphony Orchestra, conductor François Leleux *Handel Mi parto lieta sulla tua fede (Faramondo)* Sophie Junker (soprano), Concert de l'Hostel-Dieu, director Franck-Emmanuel Comte (harpsichord) **Haas Study for string orchestra** BBC Symphony Orchestra, conductor Alpesh Chauhan **Bach, arr Garcia French Suite No 2 in C minor, BWV813** Thibaut Garcia (guitar) **Holmes Memento Mei Deus** BBC Singers, conductor Hilary Campbell
3.00 Dvorak Symphony No 5 in F BBC Symphony Orchestra, conductor Ruth Reinhardt
4.00 Choral Evensong
From Tewkesbury Abbey with Tewkesbury Abbey Schola Cantorum in music by Goldschmidt, Whitlock, Philip Moore, and Franck. Recorded on 1 December. Introit: A Tender Shoot (Goldschmidt). Responses: Tomkins. Office Hymn: Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus (*Cross of Jesus*). Psalm 73 (Stainer). First

Scala Radio

DAB scalaradio.co.uk Sky 0151

7.00am Charles Nove With features including **Questions of the Day** and, from **9.00. Screen Time**.
10.00 Mark Forrest Including at **11.30** a guest from the arts and entertainment world. Plus a pick of listeners' requests from **12.00**.
1.00pm Sam Hughes With popular classical works and features including at **2.30** the weekly classical **Scala Sessions**, today with a special live performance by pianist Stephen Hough, whose selection includes something festive.
4.00 Penny Smith Scala's drive-time show.
7.00 Richard Allinson Music and features.
10.00 The Space Soothing and calming music.
1.00am Night Music 5.00 In the Park

Absolute Radio

DAB absoluteradio.co.uk
F'view 727 F'sat 724 Sky 0107 Virgin 915
6.00am Dave Berry Lively chat, guests and tunes, with Dave joined by Matt Dyson **10.00 Leona Graham** Mainstream and indie rock and pop, from the Beatles and Blondie to AC/DC and Adele **1.00pm Ben Burrell**
4.00 Bush and Richie 7.00 Danielle Perry
10.00 Jay Lawrence 1.00am Dan Noble

Lesson: Joel 3, vv9–16. Canticles: Whitlock in D. Second Lesson: Matthew 24, vv29–35. Anthem: Benedictus (Philip Moore). Hymn: On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry (*Winchester New*). Voluntary: Pièce héroïque (Franck). Director of music Simon Bell. Organist Carleton Etherington. Repeated Sunday 3pm

5.00 In Tune

Sean Rafferty with news from the classical world, music and studio guests, including live performances.

7.00 In Tune Mixtape

An eclectic, nonstop half-hour of music of classical, contemporary and experimental sounds.

7.30 Radio 3 in Concert

RT Tom McKinney presents a concert recorded last month at Liverpool Philharmonic Hall. Jesús León (tenor), Adam Kutny (bass), Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Choir, Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra, conductor Domingo Hindoyan **Debussy Prélude à l'après-midi d'un faune; La mer Puccini Messa di Gloria**

10.00 Free Thinking

Shahidha Bari investigates the human invention of animals, from medieval bestiaries to modern zoology. She's joined by Katherine Rundell, Dan Taylor and others.

10.45 The Essay: Postcards from the Floating Coast

3/5. In the Company of Walruses. Bathsheba Demuth looks at how human relationships with walruses have changed and changed again, offering an example of how what we value can endanger – or save – a species.

11.00 Night Tracks

A programme from 2020, with Sara Mohr-Pietsch introducing music by Lucier, Durante and John Luther Adams, and recordings by Brian and Roger Eno, soprano Joan Sutherland, folk star Joan Baez and Norwegian drummer Terje Isungset. (R)

12.30am Through the Night With Jonathan Swain. **Sean Shepherd Downtime Rachmaninov The Isle of the Dead, Op 29; Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini, Op 43 Tchaikovsky Symphony No 5 in E minor** Denis Kozhukhin (piano), WDR Symphony Orchestra, Cologne, conductor Cristian Macelaru
2.13 Rachmaninov Variations on a Theme of Corelli, Op 42
2.31 Haydn String Quartet in G, Op 77 No 1
2.56 Zelenka Te Deum in D, ZWV146
3.25 Scriabin Piano Sonata No 10 in C, Op 70
3.38 Purcell Sonata for two trumpets and brass
3.44 Mendelssohn Overture: The Hebrides (Fingal's Cave)
3.55 Davies One Star, at Last
3.59 Viotti Duo concertante in G
4.08 Telemann Quartet in D, TWV43D1
4.23 Brahms Geistliches Wiegenlied, Op 91 No 2
4.31 Beethoven Overture: Coriolan
4.38 O'Carolan Carolan's Draught for two harps
4.40 Jersild Three Danish Romances
4.52 Bach Fantasie in G, BWV572
5.01 Bonis Salome, Op 100
5.07 Castelnuovo-Tedesco Tarantella, Op 87b
5.11 Price Symphony No 3 in C minor
5.44 Massimiliano Matesic Violin Concerto (The Anatomy of Melancholy)
6.01 Dvorak Piano Trio in G minor, Op 26

Classic FM

99.9–101.9 FM DAB classicfm.com

Freeview 731 Freesat 721 Sky 0106 Virgin 922

6.00am More Music Breakfast

Tim Lihoreau with music, news and features, including at **7.25** the **Breakfast Serial**.

9.00 Alexander Armstrong Classical hits, starting with the **Classic Hall of Fame Hour**, featuring favourite pieces voted into the current Classic FM Top 300. And at **10.15 Album of the Week**.

12.00 Lucy Coward Including at **12.00 Classic FM Requests** – with listeners phoning in requests during the programme – and at **3.00 Hall of Fame 3 at 3**, featuring three works from the current Classic Hall of Fame chart.

4.00pm John Brunning Classic FM favourites, with the **Discovery of the Week** at **6.20**.

7.00 Smooth Classics Zeb Soanes with three hours of potentially calming classical music to help listeners relax, including at **9.00** the **Great Escape**.

10.00 Smooth Classics Margherita Taylor with music for the late evening and early morning.

1.00am Bill Overton A playlist for late-night listening.
4.00 Lucy Coward Music and features, with half-hourly news and weather updates from **5.00am** and the **Dawn Chorus** at **5.15**. Plus listeners' texts and emails..



BBC Radio 4

92.4–94.6 FM 198 LW DAB bbc.co.uk/radio4
Freeview 704 **Freesat** 704 (FM) 710 (LW)
Sky 0104 (FM) 0130 (LW) **Virgin** 904 (FM) 911 (LW)
News, weather and **shipping forecasts** as yesterday

5.30am News Briefing
5.43 Prayer for the Day
Spiritual reflection and prayer with the Rt Rev Mary Stallard, Assistant Bishop in Bangor.
5.45 Farming Today Agricultural issues and news affecting the countryside.
5.58 Tweet of the Day
Martin Hughes-Games introduces the little auk. (R)
6.00 Today
With Amol Rajan and Nick Robinson.
6.25, 7.25, 8.25 Sports News
6.45 Yesterday in Parliament
Update on the latest political proceedings.
7.48 Thought for the Day
With Dr Guli Francis-Dehquani.
8.31 LW Yesterday in Parliament

9.00 FM ony from 9.45 The Reith Lectures 3/4. Freedom from Want. Darren McGarvey gives a lecture on the freedom from want in a system that isn't working for many people. He says it is incumbent on citizens to confront that, rise to the challenge of what inequality means, take personal responsibility and reject the apathy that many working-class communities experience. Introduced by Anita Anand and recorded in Glasgow. Also broadcast on BBC World Service at 10.05am.
Producer Jim Frank; Editor Hugh Levinson

9.45 LW Daily Service
A space for spiritual reflection with a Bible reading, prayer and a range of Christian music. Reading: 1 Timothy 6, vv6–12. Joy to the World (David Lyon/Yvonne Lyon); How Beautiful upon the Mountains (Stainer), sung by St Martin's Voices; Of the Father's Heart Begotten, sung by Winchester Cathedral Choir.

10.00 Woman's Hour
Emma Barnett presents the magazine show offering a female perspective.

11.00 Putin Repeated from Monday 8pm
11.30 Oti Mabuse's Dancing Legends 2/8. Actor and singer Todrick Hall joins Oti to reminisce on his career and celebrate Golden Globe and Emmy award-winning choreographer and actor Debbie Allen, whose career spans four decades and is best known for playing Lydia Grant in the 1980 film *Fame* and the subsequent 1982–87 TV series but who also established a dance academy to train the next generation of dancers. Oti then learns a dance routine inspired by the style of Debbie Allen with the help of dancer Jazmine JT. Producer Candace Wilson

12.04pm You and Yours
Consumer affairs and public interest stories.

1.00 The World at One
Presented by Sarah Montague.

BBC Radio 4 Extra

DAB bbc.co.uk/radio4extra
Freeview 708 **Freesat** 708 **Sky** 0126 **Virgin** 910
6.00am Detective as 4pm
6.30 The Blackburn Files as 4.30pm
7.00 The Crossway By Guy Stagg (3/5)
7.15 A Passage to India as 5.15pm
7.30 Relativity as 12.30pm
8.00 Hancock's Half Hour Vintage 1954 comedy
8.30 Life, Death and Sex with Mike and Sue Series one of Bill Dare's parody show. From 1996 (2/6)
9.00 The Write Stuff 2010 literary quiz (6/6)
9.30 Trevor's World of Sport 2005 comedy (4/6)
10.00 Alexander By David Wade (5/6)
10.00 Detective as 4pm
11.30 The Blackburn Files as 4.30pm
12.00 The Crossway By Guy Stagg (3/5)
12.15pm A Passage to India as 5.15pm
12.30 Relativity Series two of Richard Herring's comedy about four generations of a family, in which he co-stars with Alison Steadman, Phil Davis and Fenella Woolgar. From 2019 (2/4)
1.00 Hancock's Half Hour Vintage 1954 comedy
1.30 Life, Death and Sex with Mike and Sue Series one of Bill Dare's parody lifestyle show, starring Robert Duncan and Julia Hills as sofa-bound daytime presenters. From 1996 (2/6)
2.00 The Write Stuff 2010 literary quiz (6/6)
2.30 Trevor's World of Sport 2005 comedy (4/6)
3.00 Alexander By David Wade (5/6)

1.45 Please Protect Abraham 8/10. Silence. Sam Holder investigates how the justice system deals with vulnerable witnesses, focusing on the treatment of 15-year-old Abraham Badru. Today the police launch an investigation for answers, but four years on, the person who shot Abraham hasn't been brought to justice.

2.00 The Archers
Repeated from yesterday 7pm
2.15 Drama: Broken Colours 3/4. By Matthew Broughton. Dan has disappeared in mysterious circumstances and Jess is contending with the gallery opening for her new artwork. She is being torn in different directions and with Dan gone, she doesn't know who she can trust. Will her synaesthesia help her connect the dots to find Dan? And can a meeting with Melissa's father shed light on the family dynamic at the source of Melissa's problems?

Jess Dan	Holli Dempsey	Anthony Wheeler
Melissa Molly	Josef Altin	Tayla Kovacevic-Ebong
Vic	Alexandria Riley	Ashleigh Haddad
Gina	Molly Pepper Tuer	Alun Raglan
Director Philippa Swallow	David Sterne	Olivia Vinal
	Blue Rider	Dan Rehman
	Suzanne Packer	Man

3.00 Money Box Live
Listeners receive advice from experts on their financial questions.
EMAIL: moneybox@bbc.co.uk
Your RT Money: page 139

3.30 All in the Mind
Repeated from yesterday 9pm
4.00 A Bad Guy with a Gun

RT A look at gun violence in America and the reaction to mass shootings such as the 2012 Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting. This documentary questions why the threat of gun violence provokes some politicians to loosen gun restrictions as opposed to increasing them and why mass shootings continue to happen. Narrated by Alison Shultes. Producer Lizzy McNeill; Editor Penny Murphy

4.30 The Media Show
Katie Razzall presents news and analysis of the media industry. Repeated 9.30pm

5.00 PM
Presented by Evan Davis.

6.00 Six o'Clock News
6.30 Gossip and Goddesses with Granny Kumar

4/4. Comedy series written by and starring Meera Syal. *Sarah Jane Adventures* star Anjali Mohindra and musician Myleene Klass join Granny Kumar and the gang to dish some dirt and have a good gossip.

Ummi Kumar	Meera Syal	Guests	Anjali Mohindra,
Geeta Bhandari	Harvey Virdi		Myleene Klass
Maya Kumar	Ambreen Razia		

Producer Liz Anstee
Repeated next Wednesday on Radio 4 Extra

4.00 Detective Ray Brooks stars in Robert Barr's crime thriller *A Meeting with Anna*. From 1982
4.30 The Blackburn Files Fine Time Fontayne and Judy Flynn star in the detective comedy drama *A Case of Hearts and Flowers*. From 1991
5.00 The Crossway By Guy Stagg (3/5)
5.15 A Passage to India Penelope Wilton stars in Tanika Gupta's EM Forster adaptation (8/10)
5.30 Relativity as 12.30pm
6.00 Hancock's Half Hour Vintage 1954 comedy
6.30 Life, Death and Sex with Mike and Sue (2/6)
7.00 The Write Stuff 2010 literary quiz (6/6)
7.30 Trevor's World of Sport 2005 comedy (4/6)
8.00 Andrea Levy: in Her Own Words
A profile of the *Small Island* author , drawing on an interview she gave to oral historian Sarah O'Reilly in 2014 on the condition that it would only be released after her death. Levy died in 2019, aged 62
9.00 Unreal: a Critical History of Reality TV
A look at ethical questions raised by reality TV (8/10)
10.00–12.00 Comedy Club: Gossip and Goddesses with Granny Kumar (3/4),
10.30 Arthur Smith's Balham Bash (4/4),
11.00 The Million Pound Radio Show (2/6),
11.30 Radio 9 (2/4)
12.00 as 3pm **1.00am** as 4pm **1.30** as 4.30pm
2.00 as 5pm **2.15** as 5.15pm **2.30** as 5.30pm
3.00 as 6pm **3.30** as 1.30pm **4.00** as 2pm
4.30 as 2.30pm **5.00 Alexander** (6/6)

7.00 The Archers
Neil resorts to surprising methods and Kirsty turns detective.
For cast see Friday Repeated tomorrow 2pm

7.15 Front Row
Author Neil Gaiman talks to Nick Ahad about the stage version of his bestselling novel *The Ocean at the End of the Lane*, which is currently touring the UK.
Producer Ekene Akalawu

8.00 The Moral Maze
Michael Buerk is joined by Giles Fraser, Ash Sarkar, Mona Siddiqui and Tim Stanley – and the expert witnesses they bring – for a debate on a moral issue behind the week's news.
Producer Dan Tierney Repeated Saturday 10.15pm

8.45 Four Thought On Regret. Author Rachel Genn describes her fascination with regret as a powerful, useful emotion. She tells stories of regret, beginning in her earliest childhood. "An early adopter of regret," she says, "I was displaying the prodigy's irritating flair for it."
Producer Giles Edwards Repeated Saturday 5.45am

9.00 A Thorough Examination with Drs Chris and Xand: Can I Change?
Repeated from yesterday 3.30pm

9.30 The Media Show
Repeated from 4.30pm

10.00 The World Tonight
Presented by Razia Iqbal.

10.45 Book at Bedtime: A Town Called Solace

3/5. Mary Lawson's novel about the tenderness and tragedy of everyday lives in a backwater town in 1970s Ontario. Today Liam can't seem to leave Solace and finds himself helping the little girl next door. Clara is told crucial information about her missing sister and confides in Mr Kane. Read by Genevieve Gaunt. For details see Monday

11.00 Sandi Toksvig's Hygge 2/4. Broadcasting from her wooden cabin near a lake deep in the countryside in Denmark, Sandi Toksvig explores the Danish concept of hygge and the Danish way of life. With guests Clive Myrie, who talks about finding respite in opera and poetry, and Bridget Christie who shares the joy of running and her comforting but miss-shaped radishes..
Producer Julia McKenzie

11.30 Today in Parliament
News, views and analysis of developments, including Prime Minister's Questions.

12.00 News and Weather
12.30–12.45am Book of the Week: A Heart That Works

3/5. Rob Delaney reads from his book about the life and death of his infant son Henry. Today, at Great Ormond Street Hospital, Henry makes friends everywhere he goes.
For details see Monday 9.45am

1.00 as BBC World Service

BBC World Service

DAB bbc.co.uk/worldserviceradio
Freeview* 710 **Freesat** 711 **Sky** 0115 **Virgin** 906
Programmes may differ online, and on Freesat, Sky, and Virgin
5.00am Newsday **8.00** News **8.05** Hardtalk
8.30 Business Daily **8.50** Witness History **9.00** The Newsroom **9.30** The Compass: How to Be a Former President **10.00** News **10.05** The Reith Lectures: Darren McGarvey on the freedom from want. Broadcast on Radio 4 at 9am (3/4) **11.00** The Newsroom **11.30** The Documentary: The Fake Paralympians: an investigation into whether cheating was more widespread begins (4/6) **12.00** News **12.05pm** Outlook **12.50** Witness History **1.00** The Newsroom **1.30** Digital Planet **2.00** Newshour **3.00** News **3.05** Hardtalk **3.30** World Business Report **4.00** BBC OS **6.00** News **6.05** Outlook **6.50** Witness History **7.00** The Newsroom **7.30** Sport Today **8.00** News **8.05** The Compass: How to Be a Former President: Giles Edwards explores how former premiers still try to influence global politics (3/3) **8.30** Healthcheck **9.00** Newshour **10.00** The Newsroom **10.20** Sports News **10.30** World Business Report **11.00** News **11.05** Hardtalk **11.30** The Documentary: The Fake Paralympians (4/6) **12.00** News **12.05am** The Documentary: Living in Space **1.00** News **1.05** Business Matters **2.00** The Newsroom **2.30** Assignment **3.00** News **3.05** Outlook **3.50** Witness History **4.00** The Newsroom **4.30** The Food Chain

BBC Radio 5 Live

693, 909 MW DAB bbc.co.uk/fivelive
F'view 705 **F'sat** 705 **Sky** 0105 **Virgin** 905
Sports Extra F'view 706 **F'sat** 706
Sky 0131 **Virgin** 908

News and **sport** as Monday
5.00am Wake Up to Money
Fiscal news, reports and analysis, from issues regarding the real cost of living, energy debts and interest rates to oil prices and Brexit. Plus interviews with movers and shakers, business leaders and big bosses.

6.00 5 Live Breakfast
With Rick Edwards, live from Qatar on day 25 of the World Cup. Plus Rachel Burden with further news.

9.00 Nicky Campbell
Discussion of topical issues, with the chance for listeners to phone in.

11.00 Naga Munchetty
With the latest news, big-name interviews from around the UK and listeners' personal experiences.

1.00pm Nihal Arthanayake
News and topical conversation including big-name interviews.

4.00 5 Live Drive
Tony Livesey and Clare McDonnell with the latest news and sport. Plus interviews linked to topical and cultural issues.

6.00 World Cup
Sports news and build-up to the second semi-final of the World Cup, with commentary starting at **7.00**. Reaction to today's semi-final follows at **9.00**.

10.00 Colin Murray
Discussion of vital issues. Plus features, including at **11.00 This House Believes**– a lively debate on myriad topics where listeners decide who comes out on top – and at **12.00 Midnight in America**, with the latest from across the Atlantic.

1.00am Dotun Adebayo
News, current affairs and discussion, with a phone-in throughout the night.

Talksport

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F'view 723 **F'sat** 731 **Sky** 0108 **Virgin** 927

6.00am Sports Breakfast
Presented by Laura Woods.
10.00 World Cup GameDay Warm Up
1.00pm World Cup Football
Build-up and commentary on the second semi-final (kick-off **7.00**).
10.00 Sports Bar
1.00am Extra Time
5.00 Early Breakfast

Talksport 2

DAB talksport.co.uk
1.00pm–3.00 Racing
From Lingfield.

LBC

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THURSDAY Radio

Today's Choices



Radio 2 in Concert Presents... Lewis Capaldi

7.00pm Radio 2
The intimate surroundings of the BBC Radio Theatre should be a comfortable fit for the multi-platinum, multi-garlanded, king of streamed songs, Glaswegian troubadour Lewis Capaldi. While he holds the record (one of many!) for the first artist to sell out an arena tour before they'd released an album, the refreshingly self-deprecating Spotify star has spoken about how difficult he finds playing massive venues. While fans will be anxious to hear the likes of *Someone You Loved*, *Before You Go*, *Bruises* and new song *Forget Me*, I wonder whether the proximity of the audience will prompt him to, in his words, "blether on" for longer than usual in between songs. Good luck to whoever is editing it down to an hour for radio.
DAVID CRAWFORD

The Susurrations of the Sea

11.30am Radio 4
As recording techniques have advanced, our expectations have risen with them. But we should not get complacent about the difference a quality recording makes, as is exemplified here in an audio paean to the sea or the more poetic "susurrations" of the title (although it should be noted that there are thunderous waves as well as gentle whispers of water against the shore or a boat). Producer Julian May, who grew up on the Cornish coast, joins poet Katrina Porteous in a collaboration with the sea itself. And while the water is the star of the show, there are some extraordinary contributions from a partially sighted surfer, a pianist and, of course, a fisherman. **JANE ANDERSON**

BBC Radio 1

97.6-99.8 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio1
F'view* 700 F'sat 700 Sky 0101 Virgin 901
7.00am Greg James
10.30 Rickie, Melvin and Charlie
1.00pm Dean and Vicky
3.30 Vick and Jordan
6.00 Clara Amfo
8.00 Radio 1's Future Pop
10.00 BBC Introducing Dance Eliza Rose chats with Jaguar.
11.00 Radio 1's Residency
1.00am Radio 1's Essential Mix
3.00 Radio 1 Relax in Love
4.00 Radio 1 Dance
5.00 Arielle Free

BBC Radio 2

88-90.2 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio2
F'view* 702 F'sat 702 Sky 0102 Virgin 902
6.30am Zoe Ball
9.30 Ken Bruce
Chat, music and guests, today with Lewis Capaldi ahead of his Radio 2 concert this evening. Plus **Tracks of My Years** after **11.30**, with Martin O'Neill discussing two more records of personal significance – one by Heart, the other by David Gray.
12.00 Jeremy Vine
2.00pm Scott Mills
4.00 Sara Cox
From **6.30**, **Sara Cox's Half Wower**, featuring potentially mood-lifting hits from the last five decades.
7.00 Radio 2 in Concert Presents... Lewis Capaldi
RT A special concert featuring two-time Brit Award winning Scottish singer/songwriter Lewis Capaldi, recorded last Thursday in front of a small audience at the BBC Radio Theatre in Broadcasting House, London. In 2019 Capaldi hit big with his debut album. His follow-up, *Broken by Desire to Be Heavenly Sent*, is due in May 2023. Presented by Jo Whitley.
8.00 Jo Whitley
9.00 The Country Show with Bob Harris
10.00 Trevor Nelson's Magnificent Rhythm Nation
At **10.00** a special Christmas edition of the **Magnificent 7** feature, with seven soul or neo-soul tracks.
12.00 OJ Borg
3.00am Sounds of the 90s (R)
4.00 Nicki Chapman Including at **4.00 Dance through the Decades**, a half-hour nostalgic playlist of chart hits from each of the last six decades.

BBC 6 Music

DAB bbc.co.uk/6music
Freeview 707 Freesat 707 Sky 0120 Virgin 909
7.30am Lauren Laverne
Chat and music, including a themed **People's Playlist**, with listeners selecting the tracks.
10.30 Jamz Supernova
1.00pm Craig Charles
4.00 Steve Lamacq Including at **6.00** the second of two special editions of **Roundtable**, with Steve joined by guests to debate the year's best releases. Discussing music from July to December are Abbie McCarthy and two others.
7.00 Marc Riley New music.
9.00 Gideon Coe
12.00 New Music Fix
Music presenters each curate an hour of their favourite new music, starting with Steve Lamacq. At **1.00am** Mary Anne Hobbs, and at **2.00** Tom Ravenscroft. And at **3.00** **New Album Fix**, followed at **4.00** by **New Music Fix Playlist**.
5.00am Chris Hawkins

BBC Radio 3

90.2-92.4 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio3
Freeview* 703 Freesat 703 Sky 0103 Virgin 903
News and weather as Monday
6.30am Breakfast With Petroc Trelawny.
9.00 Essential Classics With Georgia Mann.
12.00 Composer of the Week: Kashperova 4/5. Disagreements with Balakirev. Donald Macleod explores Kashperova's relationship with Balakirev, who criticised her symphony, and even questioned her heritage. However, they formed a working relationship. She made a recording of his music in 1910 and was even photographed with him. *Piano Concerto in A minor (excerpt)* Alexandra Dariescu, BBC Symphony Orchestra, conductor Chris Hopkins
Two Roses No 1 (In the Midst of Nature); Two Roses No 2 (In the Midst of Nature) Mengjie Han (piano)
Balakirev Piano Sonata No 2 in B flat minor (excerpt) The composer (piano)
Kashperova Cello Sonata in E minor, Op 1 No 2 (excerpt) Anastasia Kobekina, Luka Okros (piano)
Piano Concerto in A minor (excerpt) Alexandra Dariescu, BBC Symphony Orchestra, conductor Chris Hopkins
1.00pm Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert
Nicola Heywood-Thomas presents a selection of highlights from the Cowbridge Music Festival.
Chopin Polonaise, Op 44 Liŷr Williams (piano)
Boulanger Introduction et cortège Elena Urioste (violin), Tom Poster (piano)
Dvorak Piano Quartet No 2 in E flat, Op 87 Kaleidoscope Chamber Collective, Elena Urioste (violin), Rosalind Ventris (viola), Laura van der Heijden (cello), Tom Poster (piano)
2.00 Afternoon Concert With Penny Gore.
Judith Bingham Cloath'd in Holy Robes BBC Singers, conductor Owain Park
Handel Nasconde: l'usignol' in alti rami il nido (Deidamia) Sophie Junker (soprano), Concert de l'Hostel-Dieu, director Franck-Emmanuel Comte (harpsichord)
William Schuman Symphony No 5 (Symphony for strings) BBCSO, conductor Grant Llewellyn
Schumann Toccata Francesco Piemontesi (piano)
Butterworth Rhapsody: A Shropshire Lad BBC Symphony Orchestra, conductor Sakari Oramo
3.00 Richard Flury Symphony No 4 (Liechtensteinische) BBC Symphony Orchestra, conductor Paul Mann
Handel My Father! Ah! (Hercules) Sophie Junker (soprano), Concert de l'Hostel-Dieu, director Franck-Emmanuel Comte (harpsichord)
Sophie Junker introduces her **Artist's Choice**
Bloch Suite for viola and orchestra Timothy Ridout (viola), BBCSO, conductor Martyn Brabbins
Stravinsky Symphony of Psalms BBC Singers, BBCSO, conductor Dalia Stasevska
5.00 In Tune
Sean Rafferty with news from the classical world, music and guests, including live performances.
7.00 In Tune Mixtape
An eclectic, nonstop half-hour of music.

Scala Radio

DAB scalaradio.co.uk Sky 0151
7.00am Charles Nove
10.00 Mark Forrest With music and features, including after **11.30** the **Scala Radio Book Club**, today with John Boyne discussing his novel *All the Broken Places* – the sequel to *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas*. Plus Mark's favourite books from 2022 that he did not feature on their release.
1.00pm Sam Hughes
4.00 Penny Smith At **4.30** Penny is joined by actor Blake Harrison (*The Inbetweeners*, *Kate & Koji*), who discusses Christmas movies, film music and upcoming TV series in which he features: *I Hate Suzie Too* (Sky) and *World on Fire* (BBC).
7.00 Richard Allinson
10.00 The Space Soothing and calming music.
1.00am Night Music **5.00 In the Park**

Absolute Radio

DAB absoluteradio.co.uk
F'view 727 F'sat 724 Sky 0107 Virgin 915
6.00am Dave Berry **10.00 Leona Graham** **1.00pm Ben Burrell** **4.00 Bush and Richie** **7.00 Claire Sturgess** **10.00 Jay Lawrence** **1.00am Emil Franchi**

7.30 Radio 3 in Concert

Tom McKinney introduces the Hallé in a seasonal concert of theatrical works, with selections from Tchaikovsky's beloved *Sleeping Beauty*. Recorded on 30 November at the Bridgewater Hall, Manchester. Hallé, conductor Mark Elder
Wagner Prelude and Liebestod (Tristan and Isolde)
Barber Medea's Meditation and Dance of Vengeance
8.15 Tchaikovsky The Sleeping Beauty (excerpts)
10.00 Free Thinking Landladies. "Electric lights in all bedrooms", "Bring your own food" were what awaited working-class visitors to Morecambe after the Second World War and a new project to document the role played by landladies in the town is being funded by Historic England. Matthew Sweet looks at this and at some well-loved fictional landladies, from Shakespeare and Sherlock Holmes to *Coronation Street*.
10.45 The Essay: Postcards from the Floating Coast
4/5. In the Land of Reindeer. Bathsheba Demuth looks at how reindeer are deeply sensitive to the climate, and how that sensitivity thwarted plans to make them part of capitalist and socialist economies.
11.00 Compline
A service of night prayer for the third week of Advent from the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Tetbury, with words and music for the end of the day, including works by Vaughan Williams, Palestrina, Tallis and Rutter, sung by St Martin's Voices.
11.30 Unclassified
Elizabeth Alker with ambient sounds performed inside and inspired by sacred spaces, including the gentle swells of an improvisation between Polish electronic composer Zbigniew Preisner and vocalist Lisa Gerrard (of Dead Can Dance), recorded in a synagogue near Krakow. Plus a choral collaboration from Erland Cooper and Shards – imagined within a derelict mythical church on a mysterious holy island that's part of Orkney – and a rattling and dense ambient track from Laura Cannell from musical conversations between the stone floors of a church in Suffolk.
12.30am Through the Night With Jonathan Swain.
Strauss Till Eulenspiegels lustige Streiche, Op 28 **Ravel Piano Concerto for the Left Hand; Oiseaux tristes (Miroirs)**
Prokofiev Symphony No 5 Cédric Tiberghien (piano), Lausanne Chamber Orchestra, Lausanne Conservatory Orchestra (HEMU), conductor Marko Letonja **1.54 Strauss Le bourgeois gentilhomme** **2.31 Grieg String Quartet No 1 in G minor, Op 27** **3.08 Haydn Trumpet Concerto in E flat, H Ville 1** **3.24 Verdi O Padre nostro** **3.31 Bacewicz Folk Sketches** **3.36 D Scarlatti Keyboard Sonata in D minor, K41 (Fugue); Keyboard Sonata in D minor, K18 (Presto)** **3.45 Elgar Serenade for Strings, Op 20** **3.57 Ibert Trois pièces brèves** **4.04 Schumann Konzertstück F, Op 86** **4.23 Gabrieli Exaudi me** **4.31 Grainger Rustic Dance** **4.35 Schubert Fantasy in C, D760 (Wanderer)** **4.56 de Rossi Sant'Alessio (Duol sofferto per Amore)** **5.03 Hidas Adagio** **5.15 Telemann Septet in B flat for three oboes, three violins and continuo, TWV.44:43** **5.24 Kreisler Praeludium and Allegro in the Style of Pugnani** **5.31 Rameau In convertendo** **5.57 Saint-Saëns Le Carnaval des animaux** **6.21 Raitio The Swans, Op 15 (R)**

Classic FM

99.9-101.9 FM DAB classicfm.com
Freeview 731 Freesat 721 Sky 0106 Virgin 922
6.00am More Music Breakfast
Tim Lihoreau with music, news and features, including at **7.25** the **Breakfast Serial**.
9.00 Alexander Armstrong Classical hits, starting with **The Classic Hall of Fame Hour**, featuring favourite pieces voted into the current Classic FM Top 300. At **10.15 Album of the Week**.
12.00 Anne-Marie Minhall Including at **12.00 Classic FM Requests** – with listeners phoning in requests during the programme – and at **3.00 Hall of Fame 3 at 3**, featuring three works from the current Classic Hall of Fame chart.
4.00pm John Brunning Classic FM favourites presented by the Essex-born composer and former Mungo Jerry guitarist. Plus features, including the **Discovery of the Week** at **6.20**.
7.00 Smooth Classics
Zeb Soanes with three hours of potentially calming classical music to help listeners relax and recharge, including at **9.00** the **Great Escape**.
10.00 Smooth Classics
Presented by Margherita Taylor.
1.00am Bill Overton **4.00 Lucy Coward**



BBC Radio 4

92.4–94.6 FM 198 LW DAB bbc.co.uk/radio4
Freeview 704 **Freesat** 704 (FM) 710 (LW)
Sky 0104 (FM) 0130 (LW) **Virgin** 904 (FM) 911 (LW)
News, weather and **shipping forecasts** as Tuesday
5.30am News Briefing
5.43 Prayer for the Day
With the Rt Rev Mary Stallard.
5.45 Farming Today Agricultural issues.
5.58 Tweet of the Day
Michael Palin on the greater roadrunner. (R)
6.00 Today
With Mishal Husain and Nick Robinson
6.25, 7.25, 8.25 Sports News
6.45 Yesterday in Parliament
7.48 Thought for the Day
With the Rev Lucy Winkett.
8.31 LW Yesterday in Parliament
9.00 In Our Time
Melvyn Bragg chairs a discussion on Orson Welles's 1941 debut film, *Citizen Kane*. He is joined by film scholars Stella Bruzzi of University College London, Ian Christie of Birkbeck, University of London, and John David Rhodes from Cambridge University. Producer Simon Tillotson Shortened repeat 9.30pm
9.45 FM Book of the Week: A Heart That Works
4/5. Rob Delaney reads from his book about the life and death of his infant son, Henry. Today Rob and Leah face a battle to bring Henry home to be with his brothers. For details see Monday Repeated 12.30am
9.45 LW Daily Service
Spiritual reflection with a Bible reading, prayer and a range of Christian music, led by Molly Boot. Reading: Colossians 2, vv8–15.
10.00 Woman's Hour With Emma Barnett.
11.00 Crossing Continents
4/10. Hungary's Power Dilemma. The Soviet-built nuclear power station in Paks on the banks of the Danube supplies 40 per cent of Hungary's power needs. But the four reactors are slated for retirement in 2032. In 2014 an agreement was reached with Russia to build two more, with a Russian loan, Russian engineers and Ukrainian welders. The invasion of Ukraine has thrown these plans into disarray, the project is already delayed and some believe the new power stations will never be built, leaving Paks to become a Hungarian "rust belt". Nick Thorpe investigates. Also broadcast in *Assignment* at 8.05pm on BBC World Service. Producer Tim Mansel Repeated Monday 8.30pm
11.30 The Susurrations of the Sea
RT Poet Katrina Porteous and producer Julian May gather the variety of the sea's sounds, from gentle susurrations as the tide moves over mud to the steady roar of surf and mighty waves crashing onto rocks. Plus the thoughts of visually impaired surfer Melissa Reid, wave energy projects worker David Woolf and musician Martin Pacey. Repeated Monday 4pm

BBC Radio 4 Extra

DAB bbc.co.uk/radio4extra
Freeview 708 **Freesat** 708 **Sky** 0126 **Virgin** 910
6.00am Detective as 4pm
6.30 The Blackburn Files as 4.30pm
7.00 The Crossway By Guy Stagg (4/5)
7.15 A Passage to India as 12.15pm
7.30 Hazelbeach 2009 comedy (6/6)
8.00 The Burkiss Way 1977 comedy sketches
8.30 The Older Woman 1994 fantasy comedy
9.00 The Unbelievable Truth Panel show (2/6)
9.30 Clare in the Community 2008 sitcom (4/6)
10.00 Alexander Biographical drama (6/6)
11.00 Detective Robert Barr's *Contract to Kill*
11.30 The Blackburn Files as 4.30pm
12.00 The Crossway By Guy Stagg (4/5)
12.15pm A Passage to India Penelope Wilton stars in a bold dramatisation by Tanika Gupta of EM Forster's 1924 novel set against the backdrop of the British Raj and its control on India. With Ellie Kendrick, Shubham Saraf, Jonathan Firth and many others. From 2019
12.30 Hazelbeach Series two of Caroline and David Stafford's comedy about a likeable conman (6/6)
1.00 The Burkiss Way 1977 comedy sketches
1.30 The Older Woman Second series of the fantasy comedy by Tony Bagley, starring Geraldine James, Martin Clunes and Rebecca Front. From 1994 (5/6)
2.00 The Unbelievable Truth Panel show (2/6)
2.30 Clare in the Community 2008 sitcom (4/6)

12.04pm You and Yours
Consumer affairs and public interest stories.
12.32 Sliced Bread
7/7. Batteries. Greg Foot and his guests search for the scientific evidence behind a product's bold claims. Today Greg asks whether the "new and improved" batteries are actually better, and also whether expensive always means better than cheap. Producer Simon Hoban Repeated Saturday 5.30pm
1.00 The World at One
Presented by Sarah Montague.
1.45 Please Protect Abraham
9/10. Sam Holder investigates how the justice system deals with vulnerable witnesses, focusing on the treatment of 15-year-old Abraham Badru who rescued a teenage girl from being gang-raped and subsequently faced death threats while the case went to trial and he was asked to testify.
2.00 The Archers
Repeated from yesterday 7pm
2.15 Drama: Broken Colours
4/4. Series two of the thriller by Matthew Broughton. Jess and Dan work out what really happened on the night of the attack by Magner's gang. Jess finally meets the Blue Rider, and Dan has to face a life-changing decision. Will he have the strength? Director John Norton For cast see Wednesday
3.00 Open Country
10/16. Belfast's Alleyways and Orchards
Arts consultant Amberlea Neely and architect Aisling Rusk are on a mission to re-imagine Belfast's neglected and derelict residential alleyways. They're campaigning for these hidden thoroughfares to become a vital part of Belfast's green infrastructure – safe play areas and traffic-free walking and cycling routes. Helen Mark explores the momentum behind the movement that has grown up around their plans. She talks to Conservation Volunteers Northern Ireland about planting apple "orchards" in the alleyways and giving residents horticultural advice. She visits Wildflower Alley, one of the city's first and most successful neighbourhood projects, which now features in tourist trails, and hears from residents about what these once neglected spaces now mean to them. Producer Kathleen Carragher Rptd Saturday 6.07am
3.27 The Radio 4 Appeal
Repeated from Sunday 7.54am
3.30 Open Book Repeated from Sunday 4pm
4.00 The Infinite Monkey Cage
Repeated from Saturday 7.15pm
4.30 BBC Inside Science
Marnie Chesterton reports on the latest scientific research to make the news headlines and looks at how science is evolving to transform culture. Producer Julian Siddle Repeated 9pm
5.00 PM Presented by Evan Davis.

3.00 Alexander Biographical drama (6/6)
4.00 Detective Robert Barr's *Contract to Kill*
4.30 The Blackburn Files Detective comedy drama *A Case of a Golden Smile*. From 1991
5.00 The Crossway By Guy Stagg (4/5)
5.15 A Passage to India as 12.15pm
5.30 Hazelbeach 2009 comedy (6/6)
6.00 The Burkiss Way 1977 comedy sketches
6.30 The Older Woman 1994 fantasy comedy
7.00 The Unbelievable Truth Panel show (2/6)
7.30 Clare in the Community 2008 sitcom (4/6)
8.00 Sue Perkins's Christmas Comedy Stocking As Saturday 3pm 4 Extra
9.00 Unreal: a Critical History of Reality TV This episode looks at the impact of *Love Island* (9/10)
9.45 David Attenborough's Life Stories Rats
10.00–12.00 Comedy Club: ReincarNathan (4/6), at **10.30 Wrinkles** (6/6), at **11.00 Steven Appleby's Normal Life** (3/5), at **11.15 Sir Henry at Rawlinson End** (1/5), and at **11.30 Tom Wrigglesworth's Hang-Ups** (4/6)
12.00 as 3pm **1.00am** as 4pm **1.30** as 4.30pm
2.00 as 5pm **2.15** as 12.15pm **2.30** as 5.30pm
3.00 as 6pm **3.30** as 1.30pm **4.00** as 2pm
4.30 as 2.30pm **5.00 Julie and the Prince** Louis Robinson's tale about Queen Victoria's father and his long-term mistress. With Julia Hills, Timothy Watson and others. From 2004

6.00 Six o'Clock News
6.30 ReincarNathan
5/6. Cleaner Wrasse. Third series of the comedy by Tom Craine and Henry Paker. Nathan returns as a cleaner wrasse fish on a coral reef. He's shocked to find out his father has also been reincarnated on the same reef and is desperate to win his approval. He and Anwar set about trying to impress his dad.
Carol **Ashley McGuire** Nathan's dad **Hugh Dennis**
Nathan **Daniel Rigby** Colin the crab **Tom Craine**
Anwar **Hammed Animashaun** Shark **Henry Paker**
Producer Harriet Jaine
7.00 The Archers
It's a big day for Pip, while Tracy proves a tough nut to crack. For cast see Friday Repeated tomorrow 2pm
7.15 Front Row
Samira Ahmed and guests review *Avatar: the Way of Water*, James Carmeron's sequel to his ground-breaking 2009 film *Avatar*. Producer Julian May
See feature: page 14
8.00 The Briefing Room
David Aaronovitch and guests seek to explain the issues lying behind stories in the news.
8.30 Only after Dark
2/3. On the Streets. Adventures into the night with writer Dan Richards, who today invites you into the world of homeless outreach on the streets of Westminster.
9.00 BBC Inside Science Rptd from 4.30pm
9.30 In Our Time Shortened repeat from 9am
10.00 The World Tonight With Razia Iqbal.
10.45 Book at Bedtime: A Town Called Solace
4/5. By Mary Lawson. Today Rose is finally found, but it's not exactly the happy homecoming Clara had hoped for. Liam strikes up an unlikely relationship with the town's librarian. Read by Genevieve Gaunt. For details see Monday
11.00 Michael Spicer: before Next Door New series. 1/4. Water Slide. The second series of the comedy in which Michael Spicer charts his progress to stardom as "The Man Next Door". Today, in December 2019 the impending general election coverage promises extra media attention. Meanwhile, an office workshop led by communications guru Benjamin Cruz (guest star Sanjeev Bhaskar) provides extra stress. With Ellie Taylor, Joanna Neary, Alison Ward, Jamie Borthwick, Greig Johnson, Jason Forbes and Peter Curran. Producer Matt Tiller
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11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00 News and Weather
12.30–12.45am Book of the Week: A Heart That Works
4/5. Repeated from 9.45am (FM only)
1.00 as BBC World Service

BBC World Service

DAB bbc.co.uk/worldserviceradio
Freeview* 710 **Freesat** 711 **Sky** 0115 **Virgin** 906
Programmes may differ online, and on Freeview, Sky, and Virgin
5.00am Newsday **8.00 News** **8.05** The Inquiry
8.30 Business Daily **8.50** Witness History
9.00 The Newsroom **9.30** Assignment: as Crossing Continents at 11am on Radio 4
10.00 News **10.05** The Forum: Bridget Kendall and guests analyse the story of Belarus from the Middle Ages to Lukashenko **10.50** Sporting Witness: Nicol David on how to became squash world number one and retain the title for nine years **11.00** The Newsroom **11.30** The Food Chain **12.00 News** **12.05pm** Outlook **12.50** Healthcheck **2.00** Newshour **3.00 News** **3.05** The Inquiry **3.30** World Business Report **4.00** BBC OS **6.00 News** **6.05** Outlook **6.50** Witness History **7.00** The Newsroom **7.30** Sport Today **8.00 News** **8.05** Assignment **8.30** Science in Action **9.00** Newshour **10.00** The Newsroom **10.20** Sports News **10.30** World Business Report **11.00 News** **11.05** The Inquiry **11.30** The Food Chain **12.00 News** **12.05am** The Forum **12.50** Sporting Witness **1.00 News** **1.05** Business Matters **2.00** The Newsroom **2.30** World Football **3.00 News** **3.05** Outlook **3.50** Witness History **4.00** The Newsroom **4.30** Heart and Soul

BBC Radio 5 Live

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F'view 705 **F'sat** 705 **Sky** 0105 **Virgin** 905
Sports Extra F'view 706 **F'sat** 706
Sky 0131 **Virgin** 908
News and **sport** as Monday
5.00am Wake Up to Money
Fiscal news, reports and analysis, featuring top interviews.
6.00 5 Live Breakfast
With Rick Edwards, live from Qatar on day 26 of the World Cup. Plus Rachel Burden with further news.
9.00 Nicky Campbell
Topical discussions, big-name interviews and listeners' calls.
11.00 Adrian Chiles
Weekly topical show marked by original journalism.
1.00pm Nihal Arthanayake
News and topical conversation.
4.00 5 Live Drive
Tony Livesey and Clare McDonnell with the latest news and sport. Plus interviews linked to topical and cultural issues.
7.00 5 Live Sport
Steve Crossman with sports news and analysis of the World Cup semi-finals. From **8.00** there's live commentary on Rangers v Hibernian in the Scottish Premiership.
10.00 Colin Murray
Discussion and debate on vital issues. Plus features, including at **11.00 Our Ukrainian Radio Family** – with reports from three Ukrainian listeners whose lives the show has followed since the start of the war – and at **12.00 Midnight Mixtape**, featuring a curated playlist with a chance for listeners to make suggestions.
1.00am Dotun Adebayo
News, current affairs and discussion, with a chacne for listeners to phone in throughout the night.

Talksport

1053, 1089 MW DAB talksport.co.uk
F'view 723 **F'sat** 731 **Sky** 0108 **Virgin** 927
6.00am Sports Breakfast
10.00 Jim White and Simon Jordan Sporting insight.
1.00pm Hawksbee and Baker
4.00 Drive
7.00 Kick Off
10.00 Sports Bar
1.00am Extra Time
5.00 Early Breakfast

Talksport 2

DAB talksport.co.uk
1.00pm–3.00 Racing
From Ffos Las.
1.00am–5.00 NFL
San Francisco 49ers v Seattle Seahawks (kick-off **1.15**).

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Asian Network

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F'view 709 **F'sat** 709 **Sky** 0119 **Virgin** 912
5.00am Asian Network News Presents **6.00 Beats**
7.00 Nikita Kanda **10.00 Certified** **11.00 Noreen Khan**
2.00pm Certified Throwbacks
3.00 Ankur Desai **6.00 AJD**
8.00 DJ Nish **10.00 Club Hit Squad Mix** **11.00 Shisha Lounge Mix** **12.00 Love Friday Mix**
1.00am DJ Limelight and Kan D Man **4.00 Ankur Desai**

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FRIDAY Radio

Today's Choices



Ghost Stories from Theatreland

8.00pm **Radio 4 Extra**

"I've always been intrigued by the idea of ghosts, and being of a sceptical nature I'm open to all manner of explanations." So says actor Jack Shepherd, explaining how the idea for this programme came to him after some strange events at the Palace Theatre in Southend. "That Thursday matinée..." But Jack makes us wait, as a good storyteller should. Meanwhile, we hear tales of ghostly goings-on at theatres up and down the land, including Grimaldi at both Sadler's Wells and the Theatre Royal, Drury Lane, where, rather helpfully, he gives actors a shove in the back when they've missed their cue. Physicists and paranormal experts offer their views and there are contributions from Fiona Shaw, Richard Eyre and Gawn Grainger, among others. Back to Jack: "That Thursday matinée..." **LAURENCE JOYCE**

Radio 3 in Concert

7.30pm **Radio 3**

I refuse to acknowledge the incoming Xmas juggernaut until there's a decent adaptation of Charles Dickens's *A Christmas Carol*. This one hits the seasonal spot with the UK premiere of US composer Benedict Sheehan's version. He weaves new arrangements of favourite carols like *God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen*, *It Came upon a Midnight Clear* and *Deck the Halls* around original music that works hard to capture the essence of Scrooge and co. The sometimes eerie and at other times joyous vocal backdrop from the BBC Singers is as effective and dramatic as a Greek chorus, alongside vivacious narration from Mel Giedroyc. Christmas has been delivered with festive bells, whistles and voices.

JANE ANDERSON

BBC Radio 1

97.6–99.8 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio1
F'view* 700 F'sat 700 Sky 0101 Virgin 901

6.30am Radio 1's Best New Pop
7.00 Greg James
10.30 Katie Thistleton
1.00pm Matt and Jamie
4.00 The Official Chart on Radio 1
6.00 Radio 1's Dance Party
8.00 Radio 1's Future Dance
10.00 Pete Tong Club sounds.
12.00 Radio 1's Essential Mix
2.00am Radio 1 Dance Presents
3.00 Danny Howard **4.00 Wind Down Presents** **5.00 Radio 1 Relax**

BBC Radio 2

88–90.2 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio2
F'view* 702 F'sat 702 Sky 0102 Virgin 902

6.30am Zoe Ball
9.30 Ken Bruce
Including after **11.30 Tracks of My Years**, with Martin O'Neill discussing Oasis and the Verve.
12.00 Jeremy Vine
2.00pm Scott Mills
Including at **3.30** the half-hour feature **Scott Mills's Wonder Years**, with one track each from successive years, but going backwards.
4.00 Sara Cox
7.00 Michelle Visage
9.00 The Good Groove
Presented by DJ Spooky.
11.00 The Rock Show
12.00 Romesh Ranganathan: for the Love of Hip-Hop
1.00am Quincy Jones: Forty Thousand Years of Funk 2/2. DJ Spooky explores the legacy of US record producer, musician and composer Quincy Jones (now 89). Today he looks at the trio of albums he produced for Michael Jackson (including *Thriller*), plus his work for George Benson and Donna Summer and his own albums (including *The Dude*), and the shift to hip-hop. Craig David and Dennis Seaton share their memories of meeting him. Plus input by Claude McKnight (of Take 6), Kym Mazelle and Vula Malinga.
2.00 Radio 2 Unwinds with Angela Griffin A themed **Unwinds Mix** from Angela's Sunday Radio 2 show. (R)
4.00 Sophie Ellis-Bextor's Kitchen Disco Uplifting disco tunes.
5.00 Radio 2 in Concert Shakin' Stevens in December 1980 at the BBC's Paris Studios. (R)

BBC 6 Music

DAB bbc.co.uk/6music
Freeview 707 Freesat 707 Sky 0120 Virgin 909

7.30am Lauren Laverne
A Christmas-only playlist, with Sarah Cracknell and Tim Burgess performing their duet *I Was Born on Christmas Day*. Tim Key offers poems with a yuletide feel, Meera Sodha shares some vegan and vegetarian options for Christmas dinner and Poppy Ajudha curates a Caribbean Christmas playlist of reggae, soca and calypso in the Desert Island Disco.
10.30 Jamz Supernova
1.00pm Craig Charles
4.00 Steve Lamacq
Music and features, including at **6.00** the special Christmas edition of **Soundclash**, with Steve in a music battle with Self Esteem.
7.00 The People's Party with Afrodeutsche
9.00 Tom Ravenscroft
Including at **11.00 The Ravers Hour**, with a mix by a guest and one by Tom.
12.00 6 Music's Indie Forever
1.00am 6 Music's Emo Forever
2.00 Focus Beats
4.00 Ambient Focus

BBC Radio 3

90.2–92.4 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio3
Freeview* 703 Freesat 703 Sky 0103 Virgin 903

News and weather as Monday
6.30am Breakfast Petroc Trelawny announces the Breakfast Carol Competition finalists. Plus news, music and features, including the **Friday Poem**.
9.00 Essential Classics With Georgia Mann.
12.00 Composer of the Week: Kashperova 5/5. Marriage to a Revolutionary. Donald Macleod explores Kashperova's life during the Russian Revolution, including her marriage to a revolutionary. *Wirklichkeit* (Songs of Love: 12 Romances, No 7) Claire Booth (soprano), Alisdair Hogarth (piano) *Cello Sonata in G, Op 1 No 1* (2nd mvt) Andrei Ionita, Lilit Grigoryan (piano) *Dich Einz'gen lieb' ich* (Songs of Love: 12 Romances, No 6); *Wiedersehen* (Songs of Love: 12 Romances, No 8) Claire Booth (soprano), Alisdair Hogarth (piano) **Elizaveta Kashperova** *Laughter through the Tears* Claire Booth (soprano), Alisdair Hogarth (piano) **Elizaveta Kashperova** *Prelude No 2 in D flat* (Two Preludes after Konstantin Balmont) Hiroaki Takenouchi (piano) **Leokadiya Kashperova** *Piano Trio in A minor, Op posth* (excerpt) Gould Piano Trio *Symphony in B minor, Op 4* (4th mvt) BBC Concert Orchestra, conductor Jane Glover
1.00pm Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert Nicola Heywood-Thomas with highlights from the Cowbridge Music Festival in September. **Grieg** *From Early Years, Op 65 No 1* (Lyric Pieces); *Peasant's Song, Op 65 No 2* (Lyric Pieces); *Wedding Day at Trolldhaugen, Op 65 No 6* (Lyric Pieces) Llŷr Williams (piano) **Tchaikovsky** *Dumka, Op 59* Llŷr Williams (piano) **Mozart** *Piano Quartet No 2 in E flat, K493* Kaleidoscope Chamber Collective, Elena Urioste (violin), Rosalind Ventris (viola), Laura van der Heijden (cello), Tom Poster (piano)
2.00 Afternoon Concert With Penny Gore. **Grace-Evangeline Mason** *Tenebrae factae sunt* BBC Singers, conductor Will Dawes **Beethoven** *Overture in C* (Name Day) BBC Symphony Orchestra, conductor Andrew Davis **Handel** *Endless Pleasure* (Semele) Sophie Junker (soprano), Concert de l'Hostel-Dieu, director Franck-Emmanuel Comte (harpsichord) **Kareem Roustom Ramal** BBC Symphony Orchestra, conductor Fawzi Haimor **Handel** *Va, perfido! Quel cor mi tradira* (Deidamia) Sophie Junker (soprano), Concert de l'Hostel-Dieu, director Franck-Emmanuel Comte (harpsichord) **Mozart** *Piano Sonata in E flat, K282* Francesco Piemontesi
3.00 Strauss *Le bourgeois gentilhomme* BBC Symphony Orchestra, conductor Martyn Brabbins **Beethoven** *Grosse Fuge* Doric Quartet **Finzi** *Five Bagatelles* BBC Symphony Orchestra, director Michael Collins (clarinet) **Parry** *Blest Pair of Sirens* BBC Symphony Chorus and Orchestra, conductor Andrew Davis
4.30 The Listening Service Rptd from Sunday 5pm
5.00 In Tune Sean Rafferty with news from the classical world, music and studio guests, including live performances.

Scala Radio

DAB scalaradio.co.uk Sky 0151

7.00am Charles Nove Music, a light look at the newspapers and features including **Questions of the Day** and, from **9.00**, **Screen Time**.
10.00 Mark Forrest
1.00pm Sam Hughes Popular classical works.
4.00 Penny Smith Scala's drive-time show.
7.00 Classical Bangers Darren Redick with an upbeat playlist to start the weekend.
10.00 The Space Soothing and calming music.
1.00am Night Music **5.00 In the Park**

Absolute Radio

DAB absoluteradio.co.uk
F'view 727 F'sat 724 Sky 0107 Virgin 915

6.00am Dave Berry **10.00 Leona Graham**
1.00pm Ben Burrell **4.00 Bush and Richie** **7.00 Absolute 80s Greatest Hits** Claire Sturgess with hits from the decade of New Order, Kim Wilde, Imagination, Duran Duran, the Smiths, Depeche Mode, A Flock of Seagulls, Eddy Grant, ABC, Haircut 100 and Kate Bush
10.00 Sophie K **4.00am Ross Buchanan**

7.00 In Tune Mixtape An inspired playlist.

7.30 Radio 3 in Concert

RT The BBC Singers join principal guest conductor Bob Chilcott and narrator Mel Giedroyc for the UK premiere of Benedict Sheehan's *A Christmas Carol*. Retelling the classic Dickens Christmas story, Sheehan's score features original music alongside traditional family-friendly carols – including *The First Nowell*, *The Truth from Above*, *God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen*, *The Sussex Carol* and *It Came upon the Midnight Clear* – but not before a first half filled with some of the most-loved Christmas choral music. Presented by Ian Skelly, recorded on Wednesday at Milton Court, London. Mel Giedroyc (narrator), BBC Singers conductor Bob Chilcott

10.00 The Verb

Ian McMillan introduces a programme featuring imaginary creatures conjured through poems, songs and stories brought by his guests. Poet and performer John Hegley has written a new poem, and YA superstar Melvin Burgess talks about his debut adult novel *Loki*. Poet and playwright Testament performs a piece from his show *Blake Remixed*, and folk singer Bella Hardy talks about her return to traditional ballads.

10.45 The Essay: Postcards from the Floating Coast

5/5. In the Lives of Salmon. Bathsheba Demuth journeys to the Yukon River, to see how the history of salmon connects to the present.

11.00 Late Junction

Verity Sharp with the cream of performances from the past year, as chosen by *Late Junction* presenters and producers and the show's musical guests. Featuring music Bill Orcutt composed for four guitars, a blistering collaboration between Togolese rapper Yao Bobby and Swiss producer Simon Grab, and the recontextualised Native American pow wow singing of Joe Rainey.

1.00am Ultimate Calm

Another chance to hear the first two episodes of the current Monday evening series in which Icelandic composer and pianist Olafur Arnalds introduces potentially calming music and, in the **Safe Haven** feature, invites a guest to transport listeners to their own personal safe space. In the first hour, Arnalds describes the foothills of Battukaru (a dormant volcano in Indonesia), followed in the second hour by English producer and composer Jon Hopkins, who shares a particular memory of emerging from caves in the Amazonian rainforest. (R)
3.00 Through the Night With Jonathan Swain. **Cecilia Damstrom** *Tundo! Crusell Clarinet Concerto No 2 in F minor, Op 5* **Rautavaara** *A Requiem in Our Time* **Leiviska** *Piano Concerto, Op 7* **Sibelius** *Finlandia* Han Kim (clarinet), Mirka Viitala (piano), Finnish Radio Symphony Orchestra, conductor Hannu Lintu
4.41 Bach *Keyboard Partita No 1 in B flat, BWV825*
5.01 Lipinski *Overture in D* (1814)
5.10 Brahms *Rhapsody in B minor, Op 79 No 1*
5.19 Palestrina *Stabat Mater* **5.29 de Cabezón** *Three works for Arpa Doppia* **5.38 Handel** *Sonata in F, Op 1 No 5* **5.46 Mendelssohn** *Four songs from Im Grünen, Op 59: No 1* (Im Grünen); *No 4* (Die Nachtigall); *No 5* (Ruhetal); *No 6* (Jagdlied) **5.56 Janacek** *Pohadka* **6.07 Beethoven** *Piano Sonata in C minor, Op 111* **6.35 Muthel** *Concerto in D minor for harpsichord, two bassoons, strings and continuo*

Classic FM

99.9–101.9 FM DAB classicfm.com
Freeview 731 Freesat 721 Sky 0106 Virgin 922

6.00am More Music Breakfast

Tim Lihoreau with music, news and features.

9.00 Alexander Armstrong

Ahead of tomorrow's anniversary of the birth of Ludwig van Beethoven in 1770, Alexander introduces some of his favourite works by the composer, among them the *Pastoral* symphony performed by the London Symphony Orchestra and the *Moonlight* sonata played by pianist Daniel Barenboim. Plus his *Romance Cantabile*, in which three star soloists unite, and a new recording by Haochen Zhang of the *Piano Concerto No 1 in C, Op 15*.

12.00 Anne-Marie Minhall

Including at **12.00 Classic FM Requests** and at **3.00 Hall of Fame 3** at 3, featuring three works from the current Classic Hall of Fame chart.
4.00pm John Brunning Classic FM favourites.
7.00 Smooth Classics Zeb Soanes with three hours of potentially calming classical music.
10.00 Smooth Classics With Margherita Taylor.
1.00am Katie Breathwick **4.00 Sam Pittis**



BBC Radio 4

92.4–94.6 FM 198 LW DAB bbc.co.uk/radio4
Freeview 704 **Freesat** 704 (FM) 710 (LW)
Sky 0104 (FM) 0130 (LW) **Virgin** 904 (FM) 911 (LW)
News, weather and shipping forecasts as Tuesday
5.30am News Briefing
5.43 Prayer for the Day
With the Rt Rev Mary Stallard.
5.45 Farming Today
5.58 Tweet of the Day
Liz Bonnin presents the adelic penguin. (R)
6.00 Today
With Amol Rajan and Nick Robinson.
6.25, 7.25, 8.25 Sports News
6.45 Yesterday in Parliament
7.48 Thought for the Day
With Chief Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis.
8.31 LW Yesterday in Parliament
9.00 Desert Island Discs
Repeated from Sunday 11.15am
9.45 FM Book of the Week: A Heart That Works
5/5. Rob Delaney reads from his book about the life and death of his young son. Reunited, the Delaney family make the most of their time with Henry. For details see Monday Rptd 12.30am
9.45 LW Daily Service
Led by Rev Haydon Spenceley. Reading: Hebrews 4, vv4–10. I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say, sung by Rugby School Choir; Be Still for the Presence of the Lord, sung by the Daily Service Singers; It Came upon the Midnight Clear, sung by St Albans Cathedral Choir.
10.00 Woman’s Hour With Anita Rani.
11.00 The Truth about Jazz
2/4. Jazz and Diplomacy. Clive Myrie meets musician Charles McPherson, who worked with jazz composer Charles Mingus. They discuss Mingus’s *Fables of Faubus* – one of his most explicitly political works, a direct protest against Arkansas governor Orval Faubus who in 1957 sent in the National Guard to prevent racial integration at Little Rock Central High School. First broadcast on BBC World Service. Producers Ashley Byrne and Wayne Wright (R)
11.30 Unite
5/5. The Wedding. Comedy by Barry Castagnola, Elliot Steel and Mark Steel. On the day before Tony and Imogen’s wedding, Imogen’s mum tries to convince her she’s marrying the wrong man.
Tony Mark Steel Customer Services operator
Imogen Claire Skinner Ruth Bratt
Ashley Elliot Steel Car clammer/Registrar
Gideon Ivo Graham Marcus Brigstocke
Rebecca Ayesha Antoine Hotel manager Simon Humphreys
Geraldine Isla Blair Driving examiner/MC/Policeman
Nigel/Automated phone Stefano Paolini
Simon Greenall Young wedding guest
Tamsin Susannah Fielding Nessa Eriksson
Producer/Director Barry Castagnola (R)
12.04pm Archive on 4: How Santa Stole Christmas Repeated from Saturday 8pm
1.00 The World at One With Jonny Dymond.

BBC Radio 4 Extra

DAB bbc.co.uk/radio4extra
Freeview 708 **Freesat** 708 **Sky** 0126 **Virgin** 910
6.00am Detective The thriller *Four Faces of Crime*
6.30 The Blackburn Files as 4.30pm
7.00 The Crossway as 5pm
7.15 A Passage to India By EM Forster (10/10)
7.30 Romance and Adventure as 5.30pm
8.00 Parsley Sidings 1971 sitcom
8.30 Married 2001 comedy (6/6)
9.00 Act Your Age 2008 comedy (3/6)
9.30 Bleak Expectations 2008 comedy (5/6)
10.00 Julie and the Prince as yesterday 5am
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4.00 Detective The thriller *Four Faces of Crime*
4.30 The Blackburn Files Detective comedy drama *A Case of Whistle and Run*. From 1991
5.00 The Crossway Guy Stagg’s journey from London to Canterbury and on to Jerusalem (5/5)
5.15 A Passage to India By EM Forster (10/10)

1.45 Please Protect Abraham
10/10. Sam Holder investigates how the justice system deals with vulnerable witnesses, focusing on the treatment of 15-year-old Abraham Badru who rescued a teenage girl from being gang-raped and subsequently faced death threats while the case went to trial and he was asked to testify.
2.00 The Archers Repeated from yesterday 7pm
2.15 Drama: Tom Clancy’s Splinter Cell: Firewall
3/8. Paul Cornell’s dramatisation from James Swallow’s novel inspired by the video game *Splinter Cell*. Sam Fisher and his daughter Sarah are tasked with a simple extraction mission. But have they picked the wrong night for an easy capture? Meanwhile, Charlie Cole meets with an old colleague. All episodes are available on BBC Sounds.
Sam Fisher Andonis Anthony Andriy Kobin Riad Ritchie
Sarah Fisher Daisy Head Nabil Ali Gadema
Anna Grímsdóttir Rosalie Craig Delim Lloyd Thomas
Charlie Cole Sacha Dhawan
Producers Lorna Newman, Jessica Mitic and Nadia Molinari; Director Jessica Mitic
2.45 Why Do We Do That?
8/10. Why Do We Wear Make-Up?
Ella Al-Shamahi investigates if there is any biological reason as to why humans have been wearing make-up for thousands of years. Joined by Katie Thistleton and psychologist Professor Richard Russell, Ella discovers research on how make-up can change the way people perceive faces and ponders a slightly strange theory about make-up and orgasm.
3.00 Gardeners’ Question Time
Chair Peter Gibbs invites Matthew Pottage, Juliet Sargeant and Chris Beardshaw to answer listeners’ horticultural queries. Producer Bethany Hocken Repeated Sunday 2pm
3.45 Short Works
New series. *Angels on Regent Street* by Christine Dwyer Hickey, a festive story about the angels people do and don’t see throughout their lives. Read by Stuart Graham. Producer Michael Shannon Repeated tomorrow 12.30am
4.00 Last Word
Matthew Bannister celebrates the lives of notable people who have recently died. Producer Neil George Repeated Sunday 8.30pm
4.30 Feedback
10/11. Andrea Catherwood gives voice to listeners’ views on BBC radio. Producer Gail Davies Repeated Sunday 8pm
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5.00 PM Presenter Carolyn Quinn.
6.00 Six o’Clock News
6.30 Dead Ringers
2/3. Topical comedy impressions, featuring the vocal talents of Jon Culshaw, Jan Ravens, Duncan Wisbey and Lewis Macleod. Producer Bill Dare Repeated tomorrow 12.30pm

5.30 Romance and Adventure Pilot episode of the sitcom by Josie Long, who stars as a woman who leaves London for a better life in Glasgow, where she moves in with a flatmate who does not want to grow up. With Darren Osborne, Sanjeev Kohli, Hatty Ashdown and Clare Grogan. From 2014
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8.00 CHOICE: Ghost Stories from Theatreland Actor Jack Shepherd goes backstage to unearth the strange tales of Britain’s haunted theatres. With Fiona Shaw, Gawn Grainger, Deborah Warner, Richard Eyre and Max Stafford-Clark
8.30 Be My Guest A 1976 programme in which sports commentator, presenter, and interviewer Eamonn Andrews (1922–87) recalled interviewees
9.00 Unreal: a Critical History of Reality TV Tragedy and controversy relating to a show (10/10)
9.50 David Attenborough’s Life Stories
10.00–12.00 Comedy Club: The Confessional (1/6), at **10.30 The Cariad Radio Show**, at **11.00 Penny Dreadfuls: Brothers Faversham** (2/4), at **12.00 Doctor Who: the War Doctor** (1/12)
1.00am as 3pm **2.00** as 4pm **2.30** as 4.30pm
3.00 as 5pm **3.15** as 5.15pm **3.30** as 5.30pm
4.00 as 6pm **4.30** as 1.30pm **5.00** as 2pm
5.30 as 2.30pm

7.00 The Archers
Rex faces a terrible dilemma and Fallon has a mountain to climb.
Ruth Archer Felicity Finch Eddie Grundy Trevor Harrison
David Archer Timothy Bentinck Emma Grundy
Pip Archer Daisy Badger Emerald O’Hanrahan
Tony Archer David Troughton George Grundy Angus Stobie
Harrison Burns Tracy Horrobin Susie Riddell
James Cartwright Jazzer McCreary Ryan Kelly
Neil Carter Brian Hewlett Kirsty Miller Annabelle Dowler
Rex Fairbrother Nick Barber Hannah Riley Helen Longworth
Toby Fairbrother Rhys Bevan Fallon Rogers
Martyn Gibson Jon Glover Joanna Van Kampen
Ed Grundy Barry Farrimond Lottie Bonnie Baddoo
Writer Liz John; Director Marina Calderone
Editor Jeremy Howe
7.15 Screenshot
2/9. Whodunnit. To mark the Netflix release of Rian Johnson’s *Glass Onion: a Knives Out Mystery*, Ellen E Jones and Mark Kermode take a look at the world of whodunnits. Mark talks to Johnson about the enduring appeal of murder mysteries and which ones inspired him. Ellen looks at the 1973 cult camp whodunnit *The Last of Sheila*, and talks to its star Dyan Cannon about the film’s legacy and the Hollywood agent who influenced her role. Producer Jane Long
8.00 Any Questions?
Alex Forsyth chairs from Compton Verney, Warwickshire, with a panel including Polly Neate, chief executive of Shelter, and former Downing Street chief of staff Nick Timothy. Producer Camellia Sinclair Repeated tomorrow 1.10pm
8.50 A Point of View
Weekly reflection on a topical issue. Producer Adele Armstrong Repeated Sunday 8.48am
9.00 Past Forward: a Century of Sound
4/4. Greg Jenner hears an excerpt from *Listen with Mother* in 1950, a clip about the last working canalmen in the 60s, women trying to save Ebbw Vale steelworks, a 1960s documentary about urban redevelopment projects, and dour 1970s predictions for the future of the Outer Hebrides. Producer Megan Jones
10.00 The World Tonight
Presented by James Menendez.
10.45 Book at Bedtime: A Town Called Solace
5/5. By Mary Lawson. Elizabeth finally accepts her past as we learn of the scandal that almost broke her, and Solace turns out to be much more inviting than Liam had thought. Read by Genevieve Gaunt. For details see Monday
11.00 Americast
10/10. Justin Webb, Sarah Smith, Anthony “The Zurch” Zurcher and Marianna Spring run the rule over the US political scene. Producers Phil Marzouk and Alix Pickles
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00 News and Weather
12.30–12.45am Book of the Week: A Heart That Works Rptd from 9.45am (*FM only*)
1.00 as BBC World Service

BBC World Service

DAB bbc.co.uk/worldserviceradio
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5.00am Newsday **8.00** News **8.05** Hardtalk
8.30 Business Daily **8.50** Witness History
9.00 The Newsroom **9.30** Tech Tent **10.00** News **10.05** The Real Story **11.00** The Newsroom
11.30 World Football **12.00** News
12.05pm The Fifth Floor **12.50** Witness History
1.00 The Newsroom **1.30** Science in Action **2.00** Newshour **3.00** News **3.05** Hardtalk **3.30** World Business Report **4.00** BBC OS **6.00** News **6.05** The Fifth Floor **6.50** Witness History **7.00** The Newsroom **7.30** Sport Today **8.00** News **8.05** Tech Tent **8.30** Crowd Science: questions about life, Earth and the universe are presented to researchers hunting for answers at the frontiers of knowledge **9.00** Newshour **10.00** The Newsroom **10.20** Sports News **10.30** World Business Report **11.00** News **11.05** Hardtalk: interviews with newsmakers and personalities from across the globe **11.30** World Football **12.00** News **12.05am** The Real Story **1.00** News **1.05** Business Matters **2.00** The Newsroom **2.30** Stumped: Weekly cricket show **3.00** News **3.05** The Fifth Floor: global news **3.50** Witness History **4.00** News **4.05** The Reith Lectures: author and musician Darren McGarvey, delivers his Reith Lecture on Freedom from Want

BBC Radio 5 Live

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News and sport as Monday
5.00am The Big Green Money Show **9/10.** With Deborah Meaden (of *Dragons’ Den*).
5.30 Wake Up to Money
6.00 5 Live Breakfast
With Rick Edwards, live from Qatar on day 27 of the World Cup.
9.00 Nicky Campbell
11.00 Chiles on Friday
1.00pm Kammy and Ben’s Proper Football Podcast
Two episodes of the podcast in which Chris Kamara and Ben Shephard chat with some of the biggest names in football. In the first half-hour they are joined by West Ham hero Mark Noble, who reveals his favourite player and discusses his new role as West Ham’s sporting director.
2.00 Elis James and John Robins
A playful take on cultural issues.
4.00 5 Live Drive With Tony Livesey and Clare McDonnell.
7.00 5 Live Sport
Sports news and features, including at **7.00 The Friday Football Social**, with Gigi Salmon and guests looking ahead to the weekend’s World Cup final. At **8.30 Match of the Day: Top 10**, in which Gary Lineker, Ian Wright and Alan Shearer debate their World Cup Top Tens. At **9.00 NFL**, with news, analysis and discussions of the latest games.
10.00 Chris Buckler
1.00am Laura McGhie
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6.00am Sports Breakfast
With Alan Brazil.
10.00 Jim White and Simon Jordan Sporting insight.
1.00pm Hawksbee and Jacobs
4.00 Drive Presented by Andy Goldstein and Darren Bent.
7.00 Kick Off Sporting issues.
10.00 Sports Bar
1.00am Extra Time
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1.00pm–3.00 Racing From Ascot.
7.00–10.00 Championship Football Birmingham City v Reading (kick-off **8.00**).

LBC

97.3 FM (London area) **DAB** lbc.co.uk
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7.00am Nick Ferrari
10.00 James O’Brien
1.00pm Shelagh Fogarty
4.00 Tom Swarbrick
6.00 Lewis Goodall
9.00 Dean Dunham
10.00 Nick Abbot
1.00am Clive Bull
4.00 Richard Spurr

Asian Network

DAB bbc.co.uk/asiannetwork
F’view 709 **F’sat** 709 **Sky** 0119 **Virgin** 912
5.00am Beats **6.00 Fresh**
7.00 Nikita Kanda **10.00 Certified** **11.00 Noreen Khan**
2.00pm Certified Throwbacks
3.00 The Official Asian Music Chart **6.00 Panjabi Hit Squad**
9.00 DJ Limelight and Kan D Man **12.00 Desi Dancefloor Mix**
1.00am Pure Spice **4.00 Fresh**

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Sunday

6am Phil Harrison **10.00** Andy Garland **2pm** Erika North **6.00** Ray Clark **8.00** Mark Punter **10.00–1am** Bill Rennells

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6am Kelly Hinch **10.00** Morning Show **2pm** The Afternoon Show **6.00** The Beat **8.00** BBC Introducing **10.00–1am** Natalie Graham

Sunday

6am Jo Bostock **10.00** Morning Show **2pm** Andy Pierce **5.00** Sport: rugby union **8.00** Uncle Frank **10.00–1am** The Late Show

Monday–Friday

6am Ady Dayman **10.00** Jo Bostock; **Fri:** Shruti Chauhan **2pm** Ben Jackson; **Fri:** Jo Bostock **6.00 Mon:** Football Forum; **Tue:** Sport; **Wed:** The Rugby Show; **Thu:** The Boot Room; **Fri:** Weekend Preview **7.00 Mon/Tue:** Jack Rafferty; **Wed:** The Vibe; **Thu:** Bollywood Tamasha; **Fri:** Reggae and Soca **9.00 Thu:** Young British Asians Talk **10.00–1am** Caroline Martin; **Thu:** Letitia George; **Fri:** Dean Jackson
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Lincolnshire

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Saturday

6am William Wright **10.00** Jono Brine **2pm** Hope and Glory **6.00** The Beat **8.00** BBC Introducing **10.00–1am** Natalie Graham

Sunday

6am William Wright **10.00** Pirate Gold **12.00** Jono Brine **2pm** Sarah-Jane Honeywell **6.00** Country Lincs **7.00** Folk **10.00–1am** Jack Rafferty

Monday–Friday

6am Sean Dunderdale **10.00** Carla Greene **2pm** Melvyn Prior; **Wed/Thu:** Scott Dalton **6.00** In the Game; **Fri:** Hope and Glory: the Preview Show **7.00** Laurie Dyché; **Fri:** George Smith **10.00–1am** Russell Walker; **Fri:** Dean Jackson
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London

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Saturday

5am Clairá Hermet **7.00** Carrie and David Grant **10.00** Robert Elms **1pm** Women's Sports **2.00** Sport **6.00** Gary Crowley **8.00** Introducing **10.00** LionHeart **1am** Overnights

Sunday

5am Clairá Hermet **6.00** Inspirit **9.00** Robert Elms **12.00** Gaby Roslin **3pm** Jo Good **6.00** Tony Blackburn **7.00** Dotun Adebayo **10.00** Sunny and Shay **1am** Dotun Adebayo

Monday–Friday

5am Jason Rosam **7.00** Salma El-Wardany; **Fri:** Jim Davis **10.00** Eddie Nestor; **Fri:** Robert Elms **2pm** Shay Grewal; **2pm** Jumoké Fashola **6.00** Sport **8.00** The Scene **10.00** Jo Good; **Fri:** LionHeart **1am** Dotun Adebayo; **Fri:** Overnights
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Norfolk

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873 (King's Lynn)

Saturday

6am Kirsteen Thorne **10.00** Anna Perrott **2pm** Sport **5.00** Canary Call **6.00** Upload **8.00** BBC Introducing **10.00–1am** Justin Dealey

Sunday

6am Matthew Gudgin **10.00** Treasure Quest **2pm** Country Show **4.00** John Leech **6.00** Ray Clark **8.00** Mark Punter **10.00–1am** David Clayton

Monday–Friday

6am Chris Goreham **10.00** Kayleigh Poacher **2pm** Stephen Bumfrey **6.00 Mon:** Georgy Jamieson; **Tue:** Jon Wright; **Wed:** Social; **Thu:** Scrimmage; **Fri:** Sophie Little **6.30 Thu:** Rob Butler **7.00 Thu:** Local Report **8.00 Mon:** Belongings; **Thu:** Rob Butler **10.00–1am** Nick Risby
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Northampton

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Saturday

6am John Griff **10.00** Treasure Quest **12.00** Akylah Rodriguez **2pm** Sport **6.00** DAB Rock 'n' Roll Heaven **8.00** DAB only until 9.00 BBC Introducing **10.00–1am** Justin Dealey

Sunday

6am Martin Heath **10.00** Akylah Rodriguez **2pm** Paul Lovett

4.00 John Leech **6.00** Farzana Chaudry **8.00** Edward Adoo **10.00–1am** David Clayton

Monday–Friday

6am Annabel Amos **10.00** Bernie Keith **2pm** Tim Wheeler; **Fri:** Kerrie Cosh **6.00 Mon/Tue:** Daisie-Belle Downer; **Wed:** Saints Show; **Thu:** The Cobblers Show; **Fri:** Akylah Rodriguez **7.00** Wed: Chance Litchfield; **Thu:** Kerrie Cosh **10.00–1am** Nick Risby
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Nottingham

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95.1 (Newark), 95.5 (Mansfield)

Saturday

6am Liesl Soards **10.00** Dino **2pm** Matchday: football commentary **6.00** The Beat **10.00–1am** Natalie Graham

Sunday

6am Frances Finn **10.00** Dino **2pm** Sarah-Jane Honeywell **5.00** We Are Notts **6.00** Hansa Dabee **8.00** Aminata Kamara **10.00–1am** Jack Rafferty

Monday–Friday

6am Sarah Julian **10.00** Mark Dennison; **Tue:** Dino **2pm** Verity Cowley **6.00** In the Game; **Mon/Thu:** Arun Verma **7.00** Tue: Matchnight; **Wed:** Laurie Dyché; **Fri:** Girls Night In **10.00–1am** Caroline Martin; **Thu:** Letitia George; **Fri:** Dean Jackson

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Oxford

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Saturday

6am Sophie Law **10.00** James Watt **2pm** Sport **6.00** Stereo Underground **8.00** BBC Introducing **9.00** Bridgitte Tetteh **10.00–1am** Alex Dyke

Sunday

6am Fleur Ostojak **10.00** Adam English **2pm** Al Ryan **6.00** Tony Blackburn **10.00–1am** Bill Rennells

Monday–Friday

6am David Prever **10.00** Kat Orman **2pm** Adam Ball **6.00** Fleur Ostojak; **Thu:** Alice Hopkins; **Fri:** Sport **7.00** Fri: Warm-Up **10.00–1am** Paul Miller; **Fri:** Alex Dyke
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Shropshire

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FM 90 (Church Stretton), 96
(Shropshire), 95 (Ludlow), 104.1 (Clun)

Saturday

6am Ryan Kennedy **10.00** Paul Shuttleworth **2pm** Sport **6.00** Michaela Wylde **8.00** BBC Introducing **10.00–1am** Natalie Graham

Sunday

6am Ryan Kennedy **10.00** Paul Shuttleworth **2pm** Michaela Wylde **6.00** Lizzie Crow **8.00** Genevieve Tudor **10.00–1am** Caroline Martin

Monday–Friday

6am Adam Green **10.00** Jim Hawkins **2pm** Clare Ashford; **Fri:** Ryan Kennedy **6.00 Mon:** Michaela Wylde; **Tue:** Active Shropshire; **Wed–Fri:** Mark Elliott **7.00** Tue: Sport **10.00–1am** Caroline Martin; **Thu:** Letitia George; **Fri:** Natalie Graham
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radio.shropshire@bbc.co.uk

Radio Solent

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Saturday

6am Katie Martin **10.00** Lucy Ambache **2pm** Sport **6.00** Underground **8.00** Introducing **10.00–1am** Alex Dyke

Sunday

6am Katie Martin **10.00** Rebecca Parker **2pm** Lucy Ambache **6.00** Tony Blackburn **10.00–1am** Alex Dyke

Monday–Friday

6am Alun Newman **10.00** Pat Sissons **2pm** Lou Hannan **6.00 Mon:** Katherine Bett; **Tue/Thu:** Sport; **Wed:** Sam Fraser; **Fri:** Sports Hour **7.00** Fri: Evening Show **8.00** Thu: BBC Introducing **10.00–1am** Paul Miller; **Fri:** Alex Dyke

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Somerset

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Saturday

6am Simon Parkin **10.00** Andy Bennett **12.30pm** Sport **6.00** BBC Introducing: with Sarah Gosling **10.00–1am** David White

Sunday

6am Charlie Taylor **10.00** Andy Bennett **2pm** Caroline Cook **6.00** Richard Green **10.00–1am** Tim Manns

Monday–Friday

6am Claire Carter; **Mon/Tue:** Charlie Taylor **10.00** Simon Parkin **2pm** Matt Faulkner **6.00 Mon/Tue/Fri:** Jenna Myles; **Tue:** FM Sport **Wed/Thu:** Charlie Taylor **10.00–1am** Chris Baxter
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Stoke

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Saturday

6am Paula White **10.00** Louise Stones **12.00** Sport **6pm** Rob Adcock **8.00** Introducing **10.00–1am** Natalie Graham

Sunday

6am Rev Geoff Eze **10.00** Paula White **2pm** Louise Stones **6.00** Susan Hanks **10.00–1am** Caroline Martin

Monday–Friday

6am Lee Blakeman; **Fri:** Paula White **10.00** Stuart George; **Fri:**

Susan Hanks **2pm Mon/Tue/Thu:** Paula White; **Wed:** Susan Hanks; **Fri:** Louise Stones **6.00 Mon/Tue:** Susan Hanks; **Wed:** Ellie Colton; **Thu:** Charlie Burley; **Fri:** Praise and Grumble **7.00** Fri: Charlie Burley **10.00–1am Mon–Wed:** Caroline Martin; **Thu:** Letitia George; **Fri:** Natalie Graham

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Saturday

6am Sarah Lilley **10.00** Johnnie Wright **12.00** Matchday **6pm** Upload **8.00** BBC Introducing **10.00–1am** Justin Dealey

Sunday

6am Sarah Lilley **10.00** Steph Mack **2pm** Keith Greentree **4.00** John Leech **6.00** Ray Clarke **8.00** Mark Punter **10.00–1am** David Clayton

Monday–Friday

6am Luke Deal **10.00** Wayne Bavin **2pm** Matt Marvel; **Mon/Fri:** Sarah Lilley **6.00** Mon: Georgy Jamieson; **Tue:** The Takeover; **Wed:** The Social; **Thu:** Sports Social; **Fri:** Sophie Little **8.00** Mon: Belongings **10.00–1am** Nick Risby
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Saturday

6am Surrey; Sussex: Mark Carter **10.00** Amanny Mo **2pm** Sport **6.00** Stereo Underground **8.00** Introducing **10.00–12 midnight** Late Show

Sunday

6am Kevin Duala **10.00** Dig It **2pm** Sylvie Blackmore **6.00** Tony Blackburn **10.00–1am** Alex Dyke

Monday–Friday

6am Surrey: James Cannon; Sussex: Allison Ferns **10.00** Sarah Gorrell **2pm** Danny Pike **6.00** Connor Moseley; **Fri:** Joe Talbot **8.00** Mon: Tony Blackburn; **Tue:** Sport; **Wed:** Kathy Caton; **Thu:** Introducing **10.00–1am** Paul Miller; **Fri:** Alex Dyke
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Saturday

6am Babs Michel **10.00** Treasure Quest **12.00** Ollie Bayliss **2pm** Sport

5.00 5-0-5 **6.00** Rock 'n' Roll Heaven **8.00** BBC Introducing **10.00–1am** Justin Dealey

Sunday

6am Kady Braine **7.00** Dr Nighat Arif **10.00** Babs Michel **2pm** Mike Naylor **3.00** FM 90.4/92.1/94.7/103.8 Sport **4.00** FM 98/104.5 FM 95.5/ DAB only until 5.00 John Leech **6.00** Farzana Chaudry **8.00** Edward Adoo **10.00–1am** David Clayton

Monday–Friday

6am Andy Collins **10.00** The JVS Show **2pm** Roberto Perrone **6.00 Mon/Fri:** Babs Michel; **Tue:** Sport; **Wed:** Liz Flower; **Thu:** Danny Fullbrook **7.30** Fri: FM 95.5 Sport **8.00** Thu: BBC Introducing **10.00–1am** Nick Risby
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Saturday

6am Marie Lennon **10.00** Sue Davies **2pm** Sport: Swindon v AFC Wimbledon **6.00** James Threlfall **8.00** Introducing **10.00–1am** David White

Sunday

6am Jill Misson **10.00** Sue Davies **2pm** Dominic Cotter **6.00** Manny Masih **10.00–1am** Tim Manns

Monday–Friday

6am Ben Prater **10.00** Sue Kinneary; **Fri:** Kirsten O'Brien **2pm** Graham Rogers **6.00** Live **10.00–1am** Chris Baxter
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WM

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Saturday

6am Mollie Green **10.00** Elise Evans **2pm** Sport: football commentary and updates, featuring Blackpool v Birmingham City, Salford City v Walsall, and Solihull Moors v Aldershot Town (kick-offs **3.00**) **6.00** Henry Liston **8.00** BBC Introducing **10.00–1am** Natalie Graham

Sunday

6am Grace Smith **10.00** Elise Evans **2pm** Mollie Green **4.00** We Are West Midlands **6.00** Gagan Grewal **8.00** Nikki Tapper **10.00–1am** Caroline Martin

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Current job
Presenter of *The Forum* (Thursdays, 10.05am) and *Over to You* (Saturdays, 9.50am) on BBC World Service. “*The Forum* is one of the station’s crown jewels. It’s a very accessible version of *In Our Time* (Radio 4), touching on any subject from the first heart surgery to highlife music in Ghana. I love doing it. *Over to You* is on 52 weeks a year and I’ve pretty much done every single one.”
CV Born in south-west London, he read philosophy, politics and economics at Oxford University then did a master’s in political sociology at the London School of Economics. He made his TV debut in 1991, reporting on the launch of *The Big Issue*. He co-presented (with Magenta Devine) the *Rough Guide...* series for BBC2, then in 1994 *The People’s Parliament* for Channel 4 and *The Net* for BBC2 – the first

major series about the internet. “Frankly, asking me to do that was a bit weird because I’m not very technical.” He was a reporter for BBC2’s *Newsnight* 1996–97, then for *The Money Programme* from 1998 to 2006: “It was coming out of its city-based phase, with crusty old men talking about stock prices. The programme I enjoyed making most was about Enron, the American company that collapsed. That epitomises what I love doing most – making complicated subjects accessible.” From 2007 to 2013 he presented travel show *Fast Track* for BBC World News, then from 2013 *The Travel Show*.
Social media – yes or no? “Yes, but sparingly. I don’t use it as a platform to mouth off. I’m not addicted to social media and that’s a healthy place to be.”
Best moments “It’s a toss-up between having to fight a Mongolian wrestler in the Gobi desert for *The Travel Show*, and interviewing a band at a jazz

festival in New Orleans. Halfway through their set, they asked me up on stage – and I was playing the washboard in front of thousands of people.”
Worst moments “I was doing a radio programme with all of the script on a computer screen. It was minutes before broadcast on a very hot day. So I decided to put the fan on, took a plug out – and unplugged the computer with the script on it. We basically blagged the programme for a whole hour and got away with it, but I’m not sure the producer’s ever recovered.”
Off air Lives in west London with his wife, TV producer Emma Jones, their two daughters and dog Dizzy.

First radio memory “When I was a kid, my parents would take me to Maharashtra in India to meet relatives I hardly knew. I was very homesick and there I discovered the BBC World Service.”
Favourite broadcasters “Mishal Husain is the most composed, thorough, forensic broadcaster I’ve heard. Craig Charles, who is on 6 Music, is also fantastic. And I admire Jim Al-Khalili because he is a brilliant communicator who can explain complicated things in a really user-friendly way.”
Ambition/Dream job “I want to do the ten-part, landmark series about the meaning of life or consciousness or neuroscience. That would be, for me, the epitome of broadcasting.”
Secret skills “About 35 years ago I started an eight-piece ska and reggae band called Maroon Town. That is my second family and a wonderful alternative to broadcasting, using a different part of your brain.”
DAVID MCGILLIVRAY
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8.00 Thu: Your Lancashire;
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Saturday
6am Andrew Edwards
10.00 Nick Ahad
2pm Sport: football commentary and updates, featuring Sheffield United v Huddersfield Town, and Gillingham v Bradford City (kick-offs **3.00**)
6.00 The Mixtape
8.00 BBC Introducing
10.00–1am Steve White

Sunday
6am Andrew Edwards
10.00 Nick Ahad
2pm Liz Green
6.00 Gul Nawaz Hussain
10.00–1am Steve White

Monday–Friday
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10.00 Gayle Lofthouse
2pm Richard Stead
6.00 West Yorkshire Sport Daily: topical sports issues
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10.00–1am Russell Walker
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Saturday
6am Kelly Hinch
10.00 Morning Show
2pm The Afternoon Show
6.00 The Beat
8.00 BBC Introducing
10.00–1am Natalie Graham

Sunday
6am Jo Bostock
10.00 Morning Show
2pm Andy Pierce
5.00 Sport: rugby union: Ospreys v Leicester Tigers (kick-off **5.30**)
8.00 Uncle Frank
10.00–1am The Late Show

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Fri: Shruti Chauhan
2pm Ben Jackson;
Fri: Jo Bostock
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Fri: Weekend Preview
7.00 Mon/Tue: Jack Rafferty;
Wed: The Vibe;
Thu: Bollywood Tamasha: with Rupal Rajani;
Fri: Reggae and Soca
9.00 Thu: Young British Asians Talk
10.00–1am Caroline Martin;
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CWR

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Saturday
6am Lorna Bailey: stories, music and Make A Difference.
10.00 Brody Swain and Darren Rudge
12.00 Brody Swain
2pm Sport: Reading v Coventry City (kick-off **3.00**)
6.00 Dave Marshall Barrett
8.00 BBC Introducing: Brody Swain with unsigned, up-and-coming bands from Coventry and Warwickshire
10.00–1am Natalie Graham

Sunday
6am Sandra Godley
10.00 Brody Swain
2pm Bob Brolly
6.00 Gagan Grewal
8.00 Nikki Tapper: stories that matter to West Midlands African and Caribbean communities
10.00–1am Caroline Martin

Monday–Friday
6am Phil Upton
10.00 Vic Minett
2pm Trish Adudu;
Fri: Brody Swain
6.00 Mon/Fri: The Sound of the Sky Blues;
Tue: Lorna Bailey;
Wed: Letitia George;
Thu: Brody Swain
7.00 Mon: Sandra Godley;
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Saturday
6am Richard Corrie
10.00 Simon Yaxley
12.30pm Sport: Carlisle United v Barrow (kick-off **1.00**)
6.00 Joe Costin
8.00 BBC Introducing
10.00–1am Simon Logan

Sunday
6am Richard Corrie
10.00 Simon Yaxley
2pm Joe Costin
6.00 Paul Braithwaite
10.00–1am Simon Logan

Monday–Friday
6am Mike Zeller
10.00 Val Armstrong
2pm Simon Yaxley;
Fri: Helen Millican
6.00 Mon: Helen Millican;
Tue/Fri: Sport;
Wed: Darren Milby;
Thu: BBC Introducing
7.00 Thu: Helen Millican;
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10.00–1am John Gillmore;
Fri: Steffen Peddie
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Derby

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Saturday
6am Donna Alos
10.00 Sam Harper

2pm Sportscene: Pre-match
3.00 Sportscene: Burton Albion v Derby County (kick-off **3.00**)
5.00 Sportscene: Reaction
6.00 The Beat
8.00 BBC Introducing
10.00–1am Natalie Graham

Sunday
6am Donna Alos
10.00 Simon Morykin
2pm Dean Jackson
6.00 Satvinder Rana
8.00 Devon Daley
10.00–1am Summaya Mughal

Monday–Friday
6am Andy Twigge;
Mon: Donna Alos
10.00 Ian Skye
2pm Sally Pepper
6.00 Sportscene at Six;
Mon: Sportscene Talk-in;
7.00 Martyn Williams;
Wed: Pam Sidhu
10.00–1am Caroline Martin;
Thu: Letitia George;
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Saturday
6am Andrew Easton
10.00 Toni McDonald
2pm Sport: 94.7 FM Spennymoor Town v Hereford (kick-off **3.00**); 104/104.6 FM Kidderminster Harriers v Blyth Spartans (kick-off **3.00**)
6.00 BBC Introducing
10.00–1am Natalie Graham

Sunday

6am Tammy Gooding
10.00 Malcolm Boyden
2pm Jonathan Ray
6.00 Andrew Marston
10.00–1am Caroline Martin
Monday–Friday
6am Elliott Webb;
Thu/Fri: Toni McDonald
10.00 Malcolm Boyden;
Mon: Tammy Gooding
2pm Andrew Easton;
Thu/Fri: Tammy Gooding
6.00 Mon/Wed/Fri: Lizzie Crow; **Tue:** Football Special: Hereford v Chester (k-off **7.45**);
Thu: Jonathan Ray
10.00–1am Caroline Martin;
Thu: Letitia George;
Fri: Natalie Graham
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Saturday
6am Carl Wheatley
10.00 Fiona Mills
2pm Humberside Sport Pre-match
2.55 Sport: Grimsby Town v Tranmere Rovers and Yeovil Town v Scunthorpe United (kick-offs **3.00**)
5.00 Football Forum
6.00 John Kane
8.00 BBC Introducing
10.00–1am Steve White

Sunday
6am Lizzie Rose
8.00 The Great Outdoors
10.00 Fiona Mills
2pm Sport pre-match

3.00 Sport: Hull City v Watford (kick-off **3.00**)
5.00 Football Forum
6.00 Neil Foster
10.00–1am Steve White

Monday–Friday
6am Kofi Smiles
10.00 David Burns
2pm Andy Comfort
6.00 Mon/Tue/Fri: Sportstalk;
Wed: Kim Harrison;
Thu: Phil White
7.00 Mon: Alan Raw;
Tue: Sport: Scunthorpe United v Woking (kick-off **7.45**);
Fri: George Smith
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Lancashire

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Saturday
6am Shigufta Khan
10.00 Gary Hickson
2pm Matchday Live
6.00 Soul Sessions
8.00 BBC Introducing
10.00–1am Allan Beswick

Sunday
6am Joe Wilson
10.00 Gary Hickson
2pm Maria Felix Vas
6.00 Unforgettable
10.00–1am Allan Beswick
Monday–Friday
6am Graham Liver
10.00 Sharon Hartley
2pm Nishma Hindocha;
Fri: Mike Stevens
6.00 Sport

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Saturday

6am William Wright
10.00 Jono Brine
2pm Hope and Glory: Lincoln City v Wycombe Wanderers (kick-off **3.00**)
6.00 The Beat
8.00 BBC Introducing
10.00–1am Natalie Graham

Sunday

6am William Wright
10.00 Pirate Gold
12.00 Jono Brine
2pm Sarah-Jane Honeywell
6.00 Country Lincs
7.00 Folk: with Tim Walker
10.00–1am Jack Rafferty

Monday–Friday

6am Sean Dunderdale
10.00 Carla Greene
2pm Mon/Tue/Fri: Melvyn Prior
2pm Wed/Thu: Scott Dalton
6.00 In the Game; **Fri:** Hope and Glory: the Preview Show
7.00 Laurie Dyche;
Fri: George Smith
10.00–1am Russell Walker;
Fri: Dean Jackson

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Manchester

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FM 95.1, 104.6 (Oldham)

Saturday

6am Joe McGrath
10.00 Simone Riley
2pm Sport: Rochdale v Stockport County (k-off **3.00**)
6.00 Upload: with David Scott
8.00 BBC Introducing
10.00–1am Allan Beswick

Sunday

6am Asma Younus
10.00 Phil Trow
12.00 Sport: football commentary and updates, featuring Manchester City Women v Manchester United Women (kick-off **12.30**), and Oldham Athletic v Torquay United (kick-off **3.00**)
6pm Indus
8.00 The People
10.00–1am Allan Beswick

Monday–Friday

6am Anna Jameson
10.00 Mike Sweeney;
Fri: Simone Riley
2pm Becky Want;
2pm Fri: David Scott
6.00 Talking Balls
7.00 Mon: Natalie Pike;
Tue: Mars;
Wed: J Sky;
Thu: Joe McGrath;
Fri: Laura Crompton
10.00–1am Stacey Copeland;
Mon/Tue: Phil Trow
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Merseyside

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FM 95.8

Saturday

6am David North
10.00 Sean Styles

2pm Sport

6.00 The Late Late Beatles Show
7.00 Jade Burns
8.00 BBC Introducing
10.00–1am Allan Beswick

Sunday

6am Helen Jones
10.00 Sean Styles
2pm Billy Hui
4.00 Roger Lyon
6.00 Andy Ball
8.00 Carl Learmond
10.00–1am Allan Beswick

Monday–Friday

6am Paul Salt; **Fri:** Lisa Marrey
10.00 Tony Snell; **Fri:** Sean Styles
2pm Mon–Wed: Helen Jones; **Thu:** Sean Styles;
Fri: Claire Hamilton
6.00 Sport;
Wed: The Rugby League Club
7.00 The Place;

Mon: Ngunan Adamu
9.00 Mon: Orient Express
10.00–1am Linda McDermott

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Newcastle

Listen at bbc.co.uk/radionewcastle
FM 95.4, 103.7 (Tyne Valley), 96 (north Northumberland), 104.4 (Gateshead/west Newcastle), MW 1458

Saturday

6am Kelly Scott
10.00 Simon Logan
2pm Sport: Gateshead v Dagenham & Redbridge (kick-off **3.00**)
6.00 Beat Surrender
8.00 BBC Introducing
10.00–12.00 Simon Logan

Sunday

6am Kelly Scott
10.00 Morning Show
2pm Simon Logan
6.00 Michael Poulter
10.00–1am Simon Logan

Monday–Friday

6am Matt Bailey
10.00 Anna Foster
2pm Gilly Hope
6.00 Sport
7.00 Tue: Nick Roberts
7.30 Thu: BBC Introducing
8.00 Mon: Sport: Sunderland v West Bromwich Albion (kick-off **8.00**);
Wed: Upload;
Fri: Nick Roberts
10.00–1am Steffen Peddie

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Northampton

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FM 104.2 (Northants), 103.6 (Corby/Kettering)

Saturday

6am John Griff
10.00 Treasure Quest
12.00 Akylah Rodriguez
2pm Sport: football and rugby union commentary and updates, featuring Harrogate Town v Northampton Town (kick-off **3.00**), and La Rochelle v Northampton Saints (kick-off **5.30**)
6.00 DAB Rock 'n' Roll Heaven
8.00 DAB only until 19.00 BBC Introducing
10.00–1am Justin Dealey

Sunday

6am Martin Heath
10.00 Akylah Rodriguez
2pm Paul Lovett
4.00 The John Leech Soul Show
6.00 Farzana Chaudry
8.00 Edward Adoo
10.00–1am David Clayton

Monday–Friday

6am Annabel Amos
10.00 Bernie Keith
2pm Tim Wheeler;
Fri: Kerrie Cosh
6.00 Mon/Tue: Daisie-Belle Downer; **Wed:** The Saints Show; **Thu:** The Cobblers Show; **Fri:** Akylah Rodriguez
7.00 Wed: Chance Litchfield;
Thu: Kerrie Cosh
10.00–1am Nick Risby

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radionorthampton@bbc.co.uk

Nottingham

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FM 103.8 (Notts), 95.1 (Newark), 95.5 (Mansfield)

Saturday

6am Liesl Soards
10.00 Dino
2pm Matchday: Stevenage v Mansfield Town, and Maidenhead United v Notts County (kick-offs **3.00**)
6.00 The Beat
10.00–1am Natalie Graham

Sunday

6am Frances Finn
10.00 Dino
2pm Sarah-Jane Honeywell
5.00 We Are Notts
6.00 Hansa Dabee
8.00 Aminata Kamara
10.00–1am Jack Rafferty

Monday–Friday

6am Sarah Julian
10.00 Mark Dennison;
Tue: Dino
2pm Verity Cowley
6.00 Mon/Thu: Arun Verma;
Tue/Wed/Fri: In the Game
7.00 Tue: Matchnight: Notts County v Gateshead (kick-off **7.45**);
Wed: Laurie Dyche;
Fri: Girls Night In
10.00–1am Caroline Martin;
Thu: Letitia George;
Fri: Dean Jackson

Phone-ins: 0800 678 3434
radio.nottingham@bbc.co.uk

Sheffield

Listen at bbc.co.uk/radiosheffield
FM 88.6, 94.7 (Chesterfield), 104.1

Saturday

6am Kat Cowan
10.00 Becky Measures
12.00 Football Heaven
12.30pm Football Heaven Live: Rotherham United v Bristol City (kick-off **12.30**)
2.30 Football Heaven
3.00 Football Heaven Live: *FM* Exeter City v Sheffield Wednesday (kick-off **3.00**); *DAB* Oxford Untied v Barnsley (kick-off **3.00**)
5.00 Praise or Grumble
6.00 John Kane
8.00 BBC Introducing
10.00–1am Steve White

Sunday

6am Kat Cowan
9.00 The Grow Show
10.00 Becky Measures

2pm Liz Green

6.00 Waheed Akhtar
10.00–1am Steve White

Monday–Friday

6am Toby Foster
10.00 Paulette Edwards
2pm Howard Pressman
6.00 Sport Heaven;
Fri: Sport Today
7.45 Tue: Football Heaven Live: Wrexham v Chesterfield (kick-off **7.45**)
8.00 Mon/Wed/Thu: Sile Sibanda; **Fri:** Upload
10.00–1am Russell Walker
Phone-ins: 0800 111 4949
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Stoke

Listen at bbc.co.uk/radiostoke
FM 94.6 (Stoke), 104.1 (Stafford)

Saturday

6am Paula White
10.00 Louise Stones
12.00 Sport: Crewe Alexandra v Leyton Orient (k-o **1.00**), Stoke City v Cardiff City and Bristol Rovers v Port Vale (k-o **3.00**)
6pm Rob Adcock
8.00 BBC Introducing
10.00–1am Natalie Graham

Sunday

6am Rev Geoff Eze
10.00 Paula White
2pm Louise Stones
6.00 Susan Hanks
10.00–1am Caroline Martin

Monday–Friday

6am Lee Blakeman;
Fri: Paula White
10.00 Stuart George;
Fri: Susan Hanks
2pm Mon/Tue/Thu: Paula White; **Wed:** Susan Hanks;
Fri: Louise Stones
6.00 Mon/Tue: Susan Hanks;
Wed: Ellie Colton;
Thu: Charlie Burley;
Fri: Praise and Grumble
7.00 Fri: Charlie Burley
10.00–1am Caroline Martin;
Thu: Letitia George;
Fri: Natalie Graham

Phone-ins: 0800 121 8080
radio.stoke@bbc.co.uk

Tees

Listen at bbc.co.uk/bbctees
FM 95, 95.8 (Whitby)

Saturday

6am Amy Oakden
10.00 Antony Collins
2pm Sport: Middlesbrough v Luton Town (kick-off **3.00**)
6.00 Beat Surrender
8.00 BBC Introducing
10.00–1am Simon Logan

Sunday

6am Rachel Teate
10.00 Antony Collins
2pm Goffy
4.00 Vintage Vinyl
6.00 Alex Hall
10.00–1am Simon Logan

Monday–Friday

6am Neil Green;
Thu/Fri: Amy Oakden
10.00 Gary Philipson
2pm Scott Makin
6.00 Sport; **Tue:** Sport Extra
7.00 Mon: Antony Collins; **Wed:** Dave Llewellyn; **Thu:** Shakk;
Fri: Upload: with Rachel Teate
10.00–1am Steffen Peddie
Phone-ins: 0800 085 9595
tees@bbc.co.uk

WM

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FM 95.6 (West Midlands)

Saturday

6am Mollie Green
10.00 Elise Evans
2pm Sport
2.00 DAB Sport: Football commentary and updates, featuring Blackpool v Birmingham City, Salford City v Walsall, and Solihull Moors v Aldershot Town (kick-offs **3.00**)
6.00 Henry Liston
8.00 BBC Introducing
10.00–1am Natalie Graham

Sunday

6am Grace Smith
10.00 Elise Evans
2pm Mollie Green
4.00 We Are West Midlands
6.00 Gagan Grewal
8.00 Nikki Tapper
10.00–1am Caroline Martin

Monday–Friday

6am Rakeem Omar
10.00 Kathryn Stanczynsyn;
Fri: Elise Evans
2pm Mon–Wed: Paul Franks;
Thu: Ed Nell; **Fri:** John Fox
6.00 The Football Phone-in;
Thu: Andy Swift
7.00 Mon/Fri: Sport;
Tue: Natalie Graham;
Wed: Henry Liston
10.00–1am Tue/Wed (Mon: 10.30): Caroline Martin;
Thu: Letitia George;
Fri: Natalie Graham

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York

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FM 103.7 (York/Ryedale/Selby), 95.5 (Scarborough), 104.3 (Harrogate/Ripon/Northallerton/the Dales)

Saturday

6am Adam Tomlinson
10.00 Harry Whittaker
2pm Sport: Woking v York City and Harrogate Town v Northampton Town (k-o **3.00**)
6.00 John Kane's Northern Soul and Motown
8.00 BBC Introducing
10.00–1am Steve White

Sunday

6am Steve Bailey
10.00 Sarah Urwin
2pm Liz Green
6.00 Neil Foster
10.00–1am Steve White

Monday–Friday

6am Georgey Spanswick
10.00 Jonathan Cowap
2pm Joanita Musisi
6.00 Mon: Bek Homer;
Tue/Fri: Sport: York City v Solihull Moors (kick-off **7.45**);
Wed: George Smith;
Thu: Jericho Keys
7.00 Fri: George Smith
10.00–1am Russell Walker
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radioyork@bbc.co.uk

RADIO SCOTLAND

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Saturday

6am Stark Talk
6.30 Out of Doors
8.00 Good Morning Scotland
10.00 Shereen

11.30 Breaking the News
12.00 Off the Ball
12.00 Radio Scotland Extra Sportsound Rugby
2pm FM only until 2.55 Sportsound
6.00 The Reveal
6.30 100 Years of Scottish Stories
7.00 Take the Floor
9.00 Pipeline
10.00–1am Billy Sloan

Sunday

6am Our Story
6.30 The Reveal
7.00 100 Years of Scottish Stories
7.30 New Every Sunday
8.00 Sunday Morning
10.00 The Sunday Show
12.00 Off the Ball
2pm FM only from 3.00 Sportsound
3.00 Radio Scotland Extra Sportsound Rugby
4.00 FM This Sporting Life
5.00 FM only until 5.30 Your Requests with Gary Innes
7.00 Classics Unwrapped
9.00 Jazz Nights
11.00–1am Iain Anderson

Monday

6am Good Morning Scotland
9.00 Mornings
12.00 Lunchtime Live
1.30pm The Afternoon Show
4.00 Drivetime
6.00 Get It On
8.00 Vic Galloway
10.00–12.00 Iain Anderson

Tuesday

6am Good Morning Scotland
9.00 Mornings
12.00 Lunchtime Live
1.30pm The Afternoon Show
4.00 Drivetime
6.00 Get It On
8.00 Another Country with Ricky Ross
10.00–12.00 Roddy Hart

Wednesday

6am Good Morning Scotland
9.00 Mornings
12.00 Lunchtime Live
1.30pm The Afternoon Show
4.00 Drivetime
6.00 Get It On
8.00 The Quay Sessions with Roddy Hart
10.00–12.00 Vic Galloway

Thursday

6am Good Morning Scotland
9.00 Mornings
12.00 Lunchtime Live
1.30pm The Afternoon Show
4.00 Drivetime
6.00 FM only from 7.00 Get It On
7.00 Radio Scotland Extra Sportsound
8.00 FM Travelling Folk
10.00–12.00 FM only until 10.30 Natasha Raskin Sharp

Friday

6am Good Morning Scotland
9.00 Mornings
12.00 Lunchtime Live
1.30pm Breaking the News
2.00 The Afternoon Show
4.00 Drivetime
6.00 FM only from 7.00 Grant Stott's Vinyl Collective
7.00 Radio Scotland Extra Sportsound Rugby
8.00 FM BBC Introducing
10.00–1am Ashley Storrie
Phone-ins: 08085 929500

BBC Radio Scotland

Face behind the voice Rajan Datar BBC World Service



Current job

Presenter of *The Forum* (Thursdays, 10.05am) and *Over to You* (Saturdays, 9.50am) on BBC World Service.

"The Forum is one of the station's crown jewels. It's a very accessible version of *In Our Time* (Radio 4), touching on any subject from the first heart surgery to highlife music in Ghana. I love doing it. *Over to You* is on 52 weeks a year and I've pretty much done every single one."

CV Born in south-west London, he read philosophy, politics and economics at Oxford University then did a master's in political sociology at the London School of Economics. He made his TV debut in 1991, reporting on the launch of *The Big Issue*. He co-presented (with Magenta Devine) the *Rough Guide...* series for BBC2, then in 1994 *The People's Parliament* for Channel 4 and *The Net* for BBC2 – the first

major series about the internet. "Frankly, asking me to do that was a bit weird because I'm not very technical." He was a reporter for BBC2's *Newsnight* 1996–97, then for *The Money Programme* from 1998 to 2006: "It was coming out of its city-based phase, with crusty old men talking about stock prices. The programme I enjoyed making most was about Enron, the American company that collapsed. That epitomises what I love doing most – making complicated subjects accessible." From 2007 to 2013 he presented travel show *Fast Track* for BBC World News, then from 2013 *The Travel Show*.

Social media – yes or no? "Yes, but sparingly. I don't use it as a platform to mouth off. I'm not addicted to social media and that's a healthy place to be."

Best moments "It's a toss-up between having to fight a Mongolian wrestler in the Gobi desert for *The Travel Show*, and interviewing a band at a jazz

festival in New Orleans. Halfway through their set, they asked me up on stage – and I was playing the washboard in front of thousands of people."

Worst moments "I was doing a radio programme with all of the script on a computer screen. It was minutes before broadcast on

I love making complicated subjects accessible

a very hot day. So I decided to put the fan on, took a plug out – and unplugged the computer with the script on it. We basically blagged the programme for a whole hour and got away with it, but I'm not sure the producer's ever recovered."

Off air Lives in west London with his wife, TV producer Emma Jones, their two daughters and dog Dizzy.

First radio memory "When I was a kid, my parents would take me to Maharashtra in India to meet relatives I hardly knew. I was very homesick and there I discovered the BBC World Service."

Favourite broadcasters "Mishal Husain is the most composed, thorough, forensic broadcaster I've heard. Craig Charles, who is on 6 Music, is also fantastic. And I admire Jim Al-Khalili because he is a brilliant communicator who can explain complicated things in a really user-friendly way."

Ambition/Dream job "I want to do the ten-part, landmark series about the meaning of life or consciousness or neuroscience. That would be, for me, the epitome of broadcasting."

Secret skills "About 35 years ago I started an eight-piece ska and reggae band called Maroon Town. That is my second family and a wonderful alternative to broadcasting, using a different part of your brain."

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8.00 Vic Galloway

Vic brings you new releases from Scotland's best alternative artists, and classic album cuts alongside live session tracks. Text 80295. Repeated Wednesday 10pm Email: vicgalloway@bbc.co.uk

10.00 Iain Anderson

A chance to end the day in the company of the songwriting masters of country, folk, blues and soul.

12 midnight–6.00am as Radio 5 Live

Tuesday

NEWS: SPORT: TRAVEL: WEATHER: LOCAL NEWS as Monday

6.00am Good Morning Scotland

The latest news from home and abroad. With travel reports every 15 minutes, business updates at 7.45 and 8.45, weather reports at 7.29 and 7.59, and sports reports at 7.08, 7.35, 8.08 and 8.35.

9.00 Mornings

Kaye Adams gets to the heart of the news and offers listeners the opportunity to have their say.

12.00 Lunchtime Live

News updates from Scotland and beyond, plus lunchtime sport, travel and weather.

1.30pm The Afternoon Show with Janice Forsyth

Janice Forsyth tunes into the best of Scottish arts, entertainment and music.

4.00 Drivetime

John Beattie presents comment and opinion on the day's talking points, plus sport, travel and weather.

6.00 Get It On...

with Bryan Burnett

Bryan presents a selection of essential music chosen by listeners. To get a song played on the show, text 80295. Email: getiton@bbc.co.uk

8.00 Another Country with Ricky Ross

Ricky introduces selection of new and classic Country and Americana music.

10.00 Roddy Hart

An inviting mix of new music and back-catalogue selections.

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NEWS HEADLINES 2.00pm, 5.00
NEWS: SPORT: WEATHER 6.00am, 7.00, 5.30pm, 7.00, 9.00, 10.00, 11.00, 12 midnight

6.00am Stark Talk

In an edition recorded in 2012, Edi Stark chats to singer/songwriter and producer Rab Noakes, of Stealers Wheel fame, who died last month. They discuss his working-class roots, his friendship and collaborations with Gerry Rafferty and John Martyn, and how music gives him energy. Repeated from last Sunday

6.30 Out of Doors

Mark Stephen and Rachel Stewart share stories from the great outdoors in Scotland and beyond. Email: outofdoors@bbc.co.uk

8.00 Good Morning Scotland

The nation's morning news programme.

10.00 Shereen

Shereen Nanjiani and guests provide a unique take on the things getting Scotland talking this Saturday morning.

11.30 Breaking the News

Des Clarke hosts Scotland's award-winning satirical news quiz, featuring contributions from guest comedians. Repeated from yesterday

Radio Scotland Extra

12.00–2.55pm
Sportsound Rugby Rugby commentary, analysis and debate. Text 80295. @BBCSportsound on social media

FM only

12.00 Off the Ball

The football show claiming to be the most petty and ill-informed on radio. Presented by Stuart Cosgrove and Tam Cowan. Text 80295. Email: offtheball@bbc.co.uk

FM only until 2.55

2.00pm Sportsound Comprehensive coverage of Scottish sport, including live and exclusive commentary. Text 80295. @BBCSportsound on social media

6.00 The Reveal

The work of Dr Maria MacLennan, a forensic jeweller who uses jewellery found at crime scenes and on the bodies of disaster victims to help solve cases and identify people. Repeated tomorrow 6.30am

6.30 100 Years of Scottish Stories

Another selection of personal stories that mean the most to listeners and their families. Repeated tomorrow 7am

7.00 Take the Floor

Gary Innes presents the best in traditional music, featuring a session from a leading band and guest interviews. Email: takethefloor@bbc.co.uk

9.00 Pipeline

News and recordings from the piping world, presented by Gary West. Email: pipeline@bbc.co.uk

10.00 Billy Sloan

A varied selection of music from the rich history of Scotland's – and the rest of the world's – rock and pop.

1.00am–6.00 as Radio 5 Live

Sunday

NEWS: SPORT: WEATHER hourly 6.00am to 12 noon, 3.00pm, 5.00, hourly 7.00 to 11.00

6.00am Our Story

Mark Stephen hears stories of Scotland's past from the people who are part of its history.

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7.30 New Every Sunday

Acts of worship from different churches around Scotland.

8.00 Sunday Morning

Two hours of music and conversation with a faith and ethical perspective, examining the week's events to ask what they say about our values and beliefs.

10.00 The Sunday Show

Scotland's home for discussion of the big issues of the week. Featuring the big Sunday political interviews. Presented by Martin Geissler and Fiona Stalker.

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Radio Scotland Extra 3.00–5.30 Sportsound Rugby

Rugby commentary, analysis and debate. Text 80295. @BBCSportsound on social media

FM only

4.00 This Sporting Life

Archie Macpherson regales Tom English with some most memorable moments from his career, including the Olympic Games, Scottish football and *Trainspotting*.

FM only until 5.30

5.00 Your Requests with Gary Innes

Join Gary as he shares your special messages and dedications and plays favourite Scottish music requests.

7.00 Classics Unwrapped

Jamie MacDougall soundtracks Sunday night with a selection of classical music, from popular favourites to fresh new sounds. Contact: BBC Scotland, 40 Pacific Quay, Glasgow G511DA Email: classicsunwrapped@bbc.co.uk

9.00 Jazz Nights

The one-stop destination for jazz from Scotland and farther afield. With Seonaid Aitken.

11.00 Iain Anderson

A chance to end the day in the company of the songwriting masters of country, folk, blues and soul.

1.00am–6.00 as Radio 5 Live

Monday

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LOCAL NEWS Dumfries, Aberdeen, Inverness, Selkirk: 6.30am, 7.30, 8.30, 12.30pm, 4.30, 5.30; Orkney: 7.30am, 12 noon, 6.00pm; Shetland: 12.30pm, 5.30, 6.00

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9.00 Feasgar an-diugh Naidheachdan, còmhradh, spòrs, ceòl agus fealla-dhà.
10.25–11.25 Naoi gu Deich Còmhradh, deasbad, cultur agus cur-seachadan.
Dimàirt <i>Mar Diluain ach:</i>
3.30pm Spòrscast A còmhradh ri daoine 's iad ag innse mun phàirt a tha spòrs a cluich nam beatha.
4.00–5.00 Sruth na Maoile Màiri Anna NicUalraig agus Seàn O hEanaigh le ceòl à Alba 's Èirinn. (ath-chraoladh)
7.00–9.00 Rapal Taghadh de na h-òrain ùra as fheàrr. POST DEALAIN: rapal@bbc.co.uk FON AN ASGAIDH: 08000 967050
Diciadain <i>Mar Diluain ach:</i>
3.30pm–4.00 Pàrtaidh na Nollaige le CBeebies ALBA
4.00–5.00 Gleus
7.00 Sruth na Maoile Màiri Anna NicUalraig agus Seàn O hEanaigh le ceòl à Alba 's Èirinn. (ath-chraoladh)
8.00 Cuairt Choinnich
9.00 Feasgar an-diugh
10.25–11.20 Naoi gu Deich
Diardaoin <i>Mar Diluain ach:</i>
3.30pm–5.00 Crùnluaith Taghadh de cheòl na pìoba.
7.00 Spòrscast A còmhradh ri daoine 's iad ag innse mun phàirt a tha spòrs a cluich nam beatha.
7.30–9.00 Mo Chuairt Ciùil Sùil air na h-òrain agus an ceòl a tha air buaidh a thoirt air beatha aoigh na seachdain. ath-chraoladh a' maireach aig 3.30pm
Dihaoine <i>Mar Diluain ach:</i>
3.30pm–5.00 Mo Chuairt Ciùil Sùil air na h-òrain agus an ceòl a tha air buaidh a thoirt air beatha aoigh na seachdain.
5.30 Rogha is Tagha Taghadh à prògraman na seachdain air a thoirt thugaibh le Anna Nic na Ceardaich.
6.00 Na Dùrachdan Ceòl, òrain is fealla-dhà còmhla ri Mairead NicIllinnein agus Gilleasbuig MacFhearghais. Ma tha sibh airson duine ainmeachadh cuiribh ur dùrachdan gu 08000 967050 neo gu durachdan@bbc.co.uk.
9.00 Mac'ille Mhicheil Cuiridh Iain Mac'illeMhicheil agus aoighean air a' fòn an deireadh seachdain air a chasan.
11.00 Tiompan Ceòl Ceilteach, clàran ùra agus fios mu cò tha cluich càite le Mairead NicIllinnein.
12.00–1.00am Còmhradh, deasbad, cultur agus cur-seachadan.

1.00pm SpeakGaelic Podcast airson luchd-ionnsachaidh na Gàidhlig air a lìbhrigeadh le Iain Urchardan.
1.30 An Litir Bheag Litir Bheag na seachdain sa le Ruairidh MacIlleathain.
1.35 SpeakGaelic Podcast SpeakGaelic air a thaisbeanadh le Iain Urchadan. (ath-chraoladh)
1.55 Litir do Luchd-ionnsachaidh Litir do Luchd-ionnsachaidh le Ruairidh MacIlleathain.
2.00 Gleus Fuinn, còisirean agus òrain bho shaoghal ceòl clasaigeach agus eile, le Iain Moireach.
3.00 Dèanamaid Adhradh Seirbheis Ghàidhlig.
3.30–4.00 Rogha is Tagha Taghadh à prògraman na seachdain air a thoirt thugaibh le Anna Nic na Ceardaich. ath-chraoladh aig 9.30pm
9.00 Dèanamaid Adhradh Tasglann Seirbheis adhraidh à tasglann a' BhBC. (ath-chraoladh)
9.30–10.00 Rogha is Tagha Taghadh à prògraman na seachdain air a thoirt thugaibh le Anna Nic na Ceardaich.
Diluain
7.30am Aithris na Maidne Naidheachdan ionadail, nàiseanta is eadar-nàiseanta gach madainn.
9.00 Naoi gu Deich Còmhradh, deasbad, cultur agus cur-seachadan. ath-chraoladh aig 10.25pm
10.00 A' Mire ri Mòir Tha i beachdail, tha i beòthail agus tha i feitheamh ribh le taghadh ciùil.
12.00 Feasgar an-diugh Naidheachdan, còmhradh, spòrs, ceòl agus fealla-dhà. ath-chraoladh aig 9pm
1.30pm Caitheamh Ciùil Ceòl Gàidhealach 's Ceilteach agus fiosrachadh air na tha dol agaibhse gach feasgar. POST DEALAIN: dethadol@bbc.co.uk
3.30 Fèin-aithne An dàrna prògram mu fhèin-aithne le Julie Anne NicChoinnich am Barcelona, anns a' Spàinn. (ath-chraoladh) ath-chraoladh Diciadain aig 8pm
4.00 Fàilt' air an Dùthaich Taghadh de cheòl dùthchail sean is ùr.
5.00 Aithris an Fheasgair Naidheachdan nàiseanta is ionadail o Dhiluain gu Dihaoine.
5.30 Siubhal gu Seachd le Pluto Ceòl, spòrs agus fealla-dhà air ur slighe dhachaigh còmhla ri Derek "Pluto" Moireach. POST DEALAIN: pluto@bbc.co.uk FON AN ASGAIDH: 08000 967050
7.00 Cruinn Ceòl, amaideas agus na beachdan agaibh air cuspairean a' là.

Local programmes
ORKNEY Weekdays
7.30am–8.00 Around Orkney: round-up of local news, events and weather.
6.00pm–7.00 Mon: Food of the Islands: a taste of Orkney's food and drink; Tue: Back to the Country: country roots from the decades, presented by Ruby Rendall; Wed: Musical Milestones: a musical journey with this month's invited guest; Thu: Whassigo: the Orkneys' answer to <i>Call My Bluff</i> ; Fri: Friday Requests: weekly dedication programme PHONE: 01856 873939 EMAIL: radio.orkney@bbc.co.uk
SHETLAND Weekdays
5.30pm Good Evening Shetland: News and features from around the isles.
6.00–7.00 Mon: Wir Kinda Country: country and western music; Tue: Shades of Blue: blues music programme presented by Jimmy Carlyle; Wed: Shetland's Larder: monthly food programme presented by Jane Moncrieff and Eunice Henderson; Thu: The Books Programme: Mary Blance presents a monthly look at the latest local publications; Fri: Give Us a Tune: all-request show PHONE: 01595 694747 EMAIL: radio.shetland@bbc.co.uk
Radio nan Gaidheal
<i>Mar Radio Alba ach:</i>
Disathairne
9.00am Spòrs na Seachdain Spòrs ionadail, nàiseanta agus bho air feadh an t-saoghail còmhla ri Iain Moireasdan. POST DEALAIN: sns@bbc.co.uk FON AN ASGAIDH: 08000 967050
10.00 Fàilt' air an Dùthaich Taghadh de cheòl dùthchail sean is ùr.
11.00 Tiompan Ceòl Ceilteach, clàran ùra agus fios mu cò tha cluich càite le Mairead NicIllinnein.
12.00–1.00pm Sruth na Maoile Màiri Anna NicUalraig agus Seàn O hEanaigh le ceòl à Alba 's Èirinn. (ath-chraoladh)
Didòmhnaich
9.00am Dèanamaid Adhradh Seirbheis Ghàidhlig. ath-chraoladh aig 3pm
9.30 Alleluia Laoidhean, leughaidhean agus smuaintean. (ath-chraoladh)
10.00 Fèin-aithne Julie Anne NicChoinnich a' beachdachadh air fèin-aithne ann am Barcelona. (ath-chraoladh)
10.30 Crùnluaith Taghadh de cheòl na pìoba.
12.00 Naoi gu Deich Taghadh de na còmhraidhean à Naoi gu Deich a bh' aig Cathy NicDhòmhnaill tron t-seachdain.

FM only until 10.30
10.00 Natasha Raskin Sharp From 1950s rockabilly to country to jazz to the latest indie sounds, Natasha has it all and pays tribute to a Late Great and spins the globe for the Out of This World feature.
12 midnight–6.00am as Radio 5 Live
Friday
NEWS: SPORT: TRAVEL: WEATHER <i>as Monday</i> NEWS: SPORT: WEATHER hourly 7.00pm to 12 midnight LOCAL NEWS <i>as Monday</i>
6.00am Good Morning Scotland The latest news from home and abroad. With travel reports every 15 minutes, business updates at 7.45 and 8.45 , weather reports at 7.29 and 7.59 , and sports reports at 7.08 , 7.35 , 8.08 and 8.35 .
9.00 Mornings Stephen Jardine gets to the heart of the news and offers listeners the opportunity to have their say.
12.00 Lunchtime Live News updates, plus lunchtime sport, travel and weather.
1.30pm Breaking the News Des Clarke hosts Scotland's award-winning satirical news quiz, featuring contributions from guest comedians. Repeated tomorrow
2.00 The Afternoon Show with Nicola Meighan Nicola Meighan presents ideas and inspiration for fun things to do around Scotland in the days ahead and a soundtrack to kick start your weekend.
4.00 Drivetime Fiona Stalker presents comment and opinion on the day's talking points, plus sport, travel and weather.
FM only from 7.00
6.00 Grant Stott's Vinyl Collective Celebrating the vinyl revival with classic records and new releases. Grant plays album tracks from his own collection and takes listener requests.
Radio Scotland Extra 7.00–10.00 Sportsound Rugby Rugby commentary, analysis and debate. Text 80295. @BBCSportsound on social media
FM only
8.00 BBC Introducing in Scotland Phoebe I-H and Shereen Cutkelvin present the best unsigned, undiscovered and under-the-radar music Scotland has to offer.
10.00 Ashley Storrie The comedian kicks off the weekend with a hand-picked playlist, lively chat and listener interaction, with the help of sidekick "Silent Paul".
1.00–6.00am as Radio 5 Live BBC Radio Scotland 40 Pacific Quay Glasgow G51 1DA bbc.co.uk/radioscotland

12.00 Lunchtime Live News updates, plus lunchtime sport, travel and weather.
1.30pm The Afternoon Show with Michelle McManus Michelle tunes into Scottish arts, entertainment and music.
4.00 Drivetime John Beattie presents comment and opinion on the day's talking points, plus sport, travel and weather.
6.00 Get It On... with Bryan Burnett Bryan presents a selection of essential music chosen by listeners. To get a song played on the show, text 80295. Email: getiton@bbc.co.uk
8.00 The Quay Sessions with Roddy Hart Enjoy live performances from across the musical landscape – all captured in front of an audience in the intimate setting of the foyer at BBC Radio Scotland's Pacific Quay.
10.00 Vic Galloway Vic brings you new releases from Scotland's best alternative artists, and classic album cuts alongside live session tracks. Repeated from Monday 8pm
12 midnight–6.00am as Radio 5 Live
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Radio Scotland Extra 7.00–10.30 Sportsound Comprehensive coverage of Scottish sport including live commentary. Text 80295. @BBCSportsound on social media
FM only
8.00 Travelling Folk Folk and roots music from around the world.

BBC Radio Ulster

Face behind the voice Rajan Datar BBC World Service

**Current job**

Presenter of *The Forum* (Thursdays, 10.05am) and *Over to You* (Saturdays, 9.50am) on BBC World Service.

"*The Forum* is one of the station's crown jewels. It's a very accessible version of *In Our Time* (Radio 4), touching on any subject from the first heart surgery to highlife music in Ghana. I love doing it. *Over to You* is on 52 weeks a year and I've pretty much done every single one."

CV Born in south-west London, he read philosophy, politics and economics at Oxford University then did a master's in political sociology at the London School of Economics. He made his TV debut in 1991, reporting on the launch of *The Big Issue*. He co-presented (with Magenta Devine) the *Rough Guide...* series for BBC2, then in 1994 *The People's Parliament* for Channel 4 and *The Net* for BBC2 – the first

major series about the internet.

"Frankly, asking me to do that was a bit weird because I'm not very technical." He was a reporter for BBC2's *Newsnight* 1996–97, then for *The Money Programme* from 1998 to 2006: "It was coming out of its city-based phase, with crusty old men talking about stock prices. The programme I enjoyed making most was about Enron, the American company that collapsed. That epitomises what I love doing most – making complicated subjects accessible." From 2007 to 2013 he presented travel show *Fast Track* for BBC World News, then from 2013 *The Travel Show*.

Social media – yes or no? "Yes, but sparingly. I don't use it as a platform to mouth off. I'm not addicted to social media and that's a healthy place to be."

Best moments "It's a toss-up between having to fight a Mongolian wrestler in the Gobi desert for *The Travel Show*, and interviewing a band at a jazz

festival in New Orleans. Halfway through their set, they asked me up on stage – and I was playing the washboard in front of thousands of people."

Worst moments "I was doing a radio programme with all of the script on a computer screen. It was minutes before broadcast on

'I love making complicated subjects accessible'

a very hot day. So I decided to put the fan on, took a plug out – and unplugged the computer with the script on it. We basically blagged the programme for a whole hour and got away with it, but I'm not sure the producer's ever recovered."

Off air Lives in west London with his wife, TV producer Emma Jones, their two daughters and dog Dizzy.

First radio memory "When I was a kid, my parents would take me to Maharashtra in India to meet relatives I hardly knew. I was very homesick and there I discovered the BBC World Service."

Favourite broadcasters "Mishal Husain is the most composed, thorough, forensic broadcaster I've heard. Craig Charles, who is on 6 Music, is also fantastic. And I admire Jim Al-Khalili because he is a brilliant communicator who can explain complicated things in a really user-friendly way."

Ambition/Dream job "I want to do the ten-part, landmark series about the meaning of life or consciousness or neuroscience. That would be, for me, the epitome of broadcasting."

Secret skills "About 35 years ago I started an eight-piece ska and reggae band called Maroon Town. That is my second family and a wonderful alternative to broadcasting, using a different part of your brain."

DAVID MCGILLIVRAY

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9.00 The Nolan Show

Breaking news and hard-hitting topical debate with Stephen Nolan. Listeners can share their views by phone, text or email. Including news and travel at **10.00**.

Phone: 03030 805555
Text: 81771
Email: nolan@bbc.co.uk

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12.00 Talkback

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1.30pm Hugo Duncan

Country music old and new, plus the opportunity for listeners to submit requests by phone or text. Including news and travel at **2.00**.

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Text: 81771

3.05 The Lynette Fay Show

The host sets out to brighten up the afternoon with music, features and interviews.

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Email: lynette.fay@bbc.co.uk

4.00 Evening Extra

A look back at the day's events, with Richard Morgan, Tara Mills and Declan Harvey. Featuring news on the half-hour, plus regular sport, traffic and weather reports, and the latest agri-business.

6.05 Sportsound Extra Time Nicola McCarthy, Nigel Ringland and guests discuss the biggest stories making the back pages, featuring exclusive interviews, analysis and debate.

7.05 Blas

Fearghal Mag Uiginn le súil siar ar aicsean spóirt dheireadh na seachtaine.

Fearghal Mag Uiginn looks back at the weekend's sporting action.

7.30 The Stephen McCauley Show

Alternative music from punk to electronica from home and abroad, featuring live performances, interviews and more. Including news at **8.00** and **9.00**.

9.30 ATL Introducing

Gemma Bradley serves up the freshest new Irish musical talent, from indie-rock to hip-hop with live music and interviews. With news at **10.00**.

11.05 The Late Show with Eve Blair

Chilled-out music and material by the Artist of the Week.

Email: eve.blair@bbc.co.uk

12.00 as Radio 5 Live

Saturday

RADIO ULSTER NEWS:
hourly 7.00am to 11.00pm, then 11.55

6.45am Farm Gate

Food, countryside and agricultural issues, focusing on business, industry reports and the latest technology. Presented by Elaine Mitchell.

7.05 Ralph McLean

Fine tunes and conversation to ease listeners into the morning. Phone: 0845 955 5678
Email: ralph@bbc.co.uk

8.05 Your Place & Mine

The people, places and stories that make Northern Ireland unique, presented by Anne Marie McAleese. Phone: 0289 033 8307
Email: ypam@bbc.co.uk

9.05 Gardeners' Corner

The weekly programme for keen horticulturists with the latest advice, news and visits to gardens large and small around the province. Presented by David Maxwell. Phone: 03030 805555

10.05 On Your Behalf

Linda McAuley champions the cause of consumers in Northern Ireland. Repeated Wednesday 6.05pm
Write to: On Your Behalf, BBC Broadcasting House, Ormeau Avenue, Belfast BT2 8HQ
Phone: 0289 033 8314
Email via the website: bbc.co.uk/oyb

11.05 The John Toal Show

The broadcaster ventures beyond the confines of the studio for first-hand experience of listeners' lives. Phone: 03030 805555
Text: 81771
Email: john.toal@bbc.co.uk

12.05pm Open Box

Gail McConnell's father was murdered by the IRA in 1984, when Gail was three years old. An assistant governor at the Maze Prison, William McConnell was gunned down in front of Gail and her mother outside their Belfast home. Through her poetry, memories and an archive of public and personal materials, Gail pieces together her father's life, tries to understand their relationship and examines his legacy.

12.30 The Blame Game

6/8. Tim McGarry, Colin Murphy, Diona Doherty and Neil Delamere are joined by Geoff Norcott to poke fun at people, places and events making the headlines in Northern Ireland and beyond.

1.05 The Eve Blair Show

The presenter introduces music and chat to the afternoon.

2.05 Sportsound

Michael McNamee presents coverage of the Irish Premiership, with live commentary and reports.

6.05 The Culture Café

Marie-Louise Muir hosts the essential cultural conversation.

7.05 Caschlár

Lig do scíth le scoth an cheoil le rogha Brian Mullen ó phopcheol, fréamhcheol, ceol traidisiúnta, na gormacha agus anamcheol. Brian Mullen presents music including pop, blues and soul. Including news at **8.00**. Requests to: Brian Mullen, Irish Language Unit, BBC Radio Ulster, Ormeau Avenue, Belfast BT2 8HQ
Phone: 0289 033 8043

9.05 Jazz World with Linley Hamilton

Contemporary jazz music from around the world, and profiles of up-and-coming local talent. Email: linley.hamilton@bbc.co.uk

10.05 Saturday Club with John Bennett

Featuring classic tracks from the 1960s, 70s and 80s. Including news at **11.00**. Text: 81771

12.00 as Radio 5 Live**Sunday**

RADIO ULSTER NEWS:
hourly 7.00am to 11.00pm, then 11.55

7.05am Ralph McLean

Fine tunes and conversation to ease listeners into the morning. Including *Thought for the Day* at **7.55** and news at **8.00**. Email: ralph@bbc.co.uk
For requests, call: 0845 955 5678

8.30 Sunday Sequence

Audrey Carville and guests debate the week's religious and ethical news and explore the world of culture and ideas. Including news at **9.00** and **10.00**. Phone: 0289 033 8355
Email: sunday.sequence@bbc.co.uk

10.15 Morning Service

The Rev Dr Mark Gray leads an act of worship on the Third Sunday in Advent, from Bannside Presbyterian Church, Banbridge.

11.05 Sunday with Steven Rainey

In-depth current affairs, interviews, discussion and analysis – including a guide to the Sunday newspapers. With news at **12.00**.

12.30pm Sportsound – European Rugby Sale Sharks v Ulster

Ulster travel to England to take on Sale Sharks in Round One of the European Champions Cup, aiming for the knock-out stages again this season (kick-off **1.00**). The province lost narrowly to Toulouse in the last 16 of the competition back in April. Gavin Andrews presents with Jim Neilly on commentary. Including regular news summaries.

3.30 Kerry McLean

The host helps wind down the weekend and sets the mood for the week ahead with tunes and conversation. Text: 81771
Email: kerry.mclean@bbc.co.uk

4.05 Alright, Pet?

Ep 7. *Geordie Shore* star Charlotte Crosby chats to Anne-Marie Wallace about her three little furballs. Rob Adams answers cat questions and hears how two people are helping raise money for animals in Ukraine. Email: alrightpet@bbc.co.uk

5.05 Sounds Sacred

Richard Yarr introduces popular, sacred music performed by local and internationally acclaimed performers. He also plays listeners' requests.

6.05 Kintra

Helen Mark and the *Kintra* team present stories, news, music and banter from Ulster-Scots communities at home and abroad. Email: kintra@bbc.co.uk

6.30 Give the Beatles Back to the Irish

4/4. From politics and poetry to controversy and wedding vows, Fab Four superfans Steven Cockcroft and Jason Carty wrap up their exploration into just how Irish the Beatles really are, and find out how much-missed broadcasting legend Gay Byrne came into the picture.

7.05 Classical Connections with John Toal

An evening of popular classical music. Plus news, reviews and interviews with local and touring performers. Including news at **8.00**.

9.05 Jazz Club with Walter Love

Recordings by jazz musicians, including tracks that have been performed exclusively for BBC Radio Ulster.

10.05 Sunday Club with John Bennett

Music designed to soothe away the problems of the past week. Dedications to: The Sunday Club, BBC Radio Ulster, Broadcast House, Belfast BT2 8HQ
Email: jb@bbc.co.uk

12.00 as Radio 5 Live**Monday**

RADIO ULSTER NEWS:
half-hourly 6.30am to 9.30, hourly 10.00 to 11.00pm, plus 4.30pm, 5.30, 11.55

6.30am Good Morning Ulster

With Sarah Brett and Joel Taggart, including travel updates and analysis of finance and business news, plus agri-business in *Farm Gate* and a *Thought for the Day* at **7.20**. Email: good.morning.ulster@bbc.co.uk

Frequencies

Tuesday

RADIO ULSTER NEWS:*see Monday*

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Music, features and interviews.
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4.00 Evening Extra
A look back at the day’s events, with Richard Morgan, Tara Mills and Declan Harvey.

6.05 Farming Matters
News and chat from Northern Ireland’s rural community, hosted by Nicola Weir.

7.05 Blas
Ag coinneáil an lucht éisteachta ar an eolas faoi na himeachtaí ar gá iad a fheiceáil agus a chluinstin i saol ealaíne agus cultúir na Gaeilge agus níos faide ó bhaile.
Dáithí O Muirí keeps listeners up-to-date with all that’s happening in the arts.

7.30 The Stephen McCauley Show
Alternative music from punk to electronica, featuring live performances and interviews. With news at **8.00** and **9.00**.

9.30 Ralph McLean – Local Voices
Irish music, sessions and chat from new Northern Ireland artists and established acts. Includes news at **10.00**.

11.05 The Late Show with Eve Blair
Chilled-out music.
Email: eve.blair@bbc.co.uk

12.00 as Radio 5 Live

Wednesday

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6.05 On Your Behalf
Linda McAuley champions the cause of consumers in Northern Ireland, helping them to solve their problems, make the right choices and avoid the pitfalls. Repeated from Saturday 10.05am
Write to: On Your Behalf, BBC Broadcasting House, Ormeau Avenue, Belfast BT2 8HQ
Phone: 0289 033 8314
Email via the website: bbc.co.uk/oyb

7.05 Blas
Caint agus comhrá faoi imeachtaí an tsaoil mhóir agus shaol an ghnáthlae. Má tá sé i mbéal an phobail, beidh sé i mbéal Mháire agus a haíonna chomh maith.
Máire Bhreathnach presents all the latest news on local and international events and the issues of the day. Repeat

7.30 The Stephen McCauley Show
Alternative music from punk to electronica, featuring live performances, interviews and more. Including news at **8.00** and **9.00**.

9.30 Ralph McLean – Rock and Soul
Classic rock, soul, blues, pop, gospel, reggae and funk music. Includes news at **10.00**.

10.55 Wah Yan Jee Sing
Local information on health and social issues in Cantonese.

11.05 The Late Show with Eve Blair
Chilled-out music, including a mix of easy listening melodies both old and new, and material by the Artist of the Week.
Email: eve.blair@bbc.co.uk

12.00 as Radio 5 Live

Thursday

RADIO ULSTER NEWS:*see Monday*

6.30am Good Morning Ulster
With Sarah Brett and Chris Buckler including regular news, travel and sport updates and analysis of finance and business news and Thought for the Day at **7.20**.
Email: good.morning.ulster@bbc.co.uk

9.00 The Nolan Show
Breaking news and hard-hitting topical debate with Stephen Nolan. Listeners can share their views by phone, text or email. Including news and travel at **10.00**.
Phone: 03030 80 55 55
Text: 81771
Email: nolan@bbc.co.uk

10.30 The Connor Phillips Show
Music and mischief, with fun features such as Howl Yer Wisht, Does My Head In and Absolutely Mortified. Including news at **11.00**.
Phone: 03030 80 55 55
Text: 81771
Email: connor@bbc.co.uk

12.00 Talkback
William Crawley presents news and invites listeners’ reactions to the stories of the day, from politics and health to consumer issues and education. Including news at **12.00** and **1.00pm**.
Phone: 03030 80 55 55
Email: talk.back@bbc.co.uk
bbc.co.uk/talkback

1.30pm Hugo Duncan
Country music old and new, plus the opportunity for listeners to submit requests by phone or text. Including news and travel at **2.00**.
Phone: 03030 80 55 55
Text: 81771

3.05 The Lynette Fay Show
Music, features and interviews.
Text: 81771
Email: lynette.fay@bbc.co.uk

4.00 Evening Extra
A look back at the day’s events, with Richard Morgan, Tara Mills and Declan Harvey. Featuring news on the half-hour, plus regular sport, traffic and weather reports, and the latest agri-business news.

6.05 The Ticket
From blockbuster movies to comedy gigs, Kathy Clugston has just the ticket, offering ideas on how listeners can spend their leisure hours.

7.05 Blas
Dearcadh an duine óig ar ábhair éagsúla an tsaoil. Idir spraoi agus spórt, áilleacht agus athrú aeráide is iomaí rud a bhíonn faoi chaibidil ag Rebecca Ní Dhonnaile agus a cuid aíonna.
A youthful view of lifestyle issues. From lighthearted banter to beauty regimes and climate change, Rebecca Ní Dhonnaile and her guests cover a wide range of topics.

7.30 The Stephen McCauley Show
The best in alternative music from punk to electronica from home and abroad, featuring live performance, interviews and more. Including news at **8.00** and **9.00**.

9.30 Ralph McLean – Country
From the sounds of Nashville to new bluegrass, Ralph takes another journey into the world of American roots music, offering a selection of classic tracks, live performance and timeless Americana along the way. Including news at **10.00**.

11.05 The Late Show with Eve Blair
Chilled-out music, including a mix of easy listening melodies both old and new, together with material by the Artist of the Week.
Email: eve.blair@bbc.co.uk

12.00 as Radio 5 Live

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half-hourly 6.30am to 9.30, hourly 10.00 to 11.00pm, plus 4.30pm, 11.55

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3.05 The Vinny Hurrell Show
The presenter hosts the magazine show, with music, chat and a bit of craic to get the weekend under way.
Email: vinny.hurrell@bbc.co.uk

4.00 Evening Extra
A look back at the day’s events, with Richard Morgan, Tara Mills and Declan Harvey. Featuring news, sport, traffic and weather reports, and the latest agri-business news.

5.30 Inside Business
A weekly insight into what’s really happening in business and the economy in Northern Ireland, with commentary, analysis and the big interviews. Presented by Richard Morgan.

6.05 The House Party with Phil Taggart
Dance music to get the party started, from soul to house and funk to techno. Including news at **7.00** and **8.00**.

8.30 Ash Live from the Ulster Hall
A special performance from homegrown heroes Ash, who tonight celebrate 30 years in the game by performing some of their biggest hits. Classics such as *Girl from Mars*, *Oh Yeah*, *Burn Baby Burn* and *Shining Light* are likely to feature, alongside some very special guest appearances. Presented by Gemma Bradley. Repeated 24 December

11.05 Folk Club with Lynette Fay
Traditional and contemporary folk music and song with studio guests, performances, new releases and vintage vinyl.
Email: lynette.fay@bbc.co.uk

12.00 as Radio 5 Live
BBC Northern Ireland Broadcasting House
Ormeau Avenue, Belfast BT2 8HQ
02890 338 000
Phone-in 0845 955 5678

RADIO FOYLE

As Radio Ulster except:

Sunday
RADIO FOYLE NEWS:
hourly 9.00am to 5.00pm (not 1.00pm)

5.05pm–6.00 Rejoice
James McClelland presents gospel favourites and sacred music, plus listeners’ requests and dedications.
To get in touch with the show, write to 8 Northland Road, Londonderry BT48 7GD.

Weekdays
RADIO FOYLE NEWS: hourly 7.00am to 3.00pm, plus 7.30am, 8.30

6.30am Good Morning Ulster
Presented by: **Mon:** Sarah Brett and Joel Taggart; **Tue–Thu:** Sarah Brett and Chris Buckler; **Fri:** Chris Buckler and Joel Taggart.

7.00–9.00 The Breakfast Show
News, plus weather and travel updates for the north west.

12.00 Talkback
Presented by William Crawley.

1.00pm The News at One

1.30 The Mark Patterson Show
Issues affecting the daily lives of people in the north west.

3.05–4.00 Sean Coyle
Music, chat and requests.
BBC Radio Foyle, 8 Northland Road Londonderry BT48 7GD
Tel: 02871 266 522

National

BBC Radio 1
FM 97.9–99.7

BBC Radio 2
FM 88.3–90.1

BBC Radio 3
FM 90.5–92.3

BBC Radio 4
93.2 (Ballycastle), 93.2 (Carnmoney Hill), 94 (Limavady), 94.9 (Londonderry), 95.6 (Brougher Mountain), 96 (Belfast), 103.5 (Larne), 103.9 (Rostrevor Forest/Kilkeel), 104.6 (Camlough), (R4 FM cannot be heard in some parts of N Ireland)
LW 198 MW 720, 774 (Enniskillen (carry LW programmes))

BBC Radio 5 Live
MW 693, 909

BBC Radio Foyle
FM 93.1

BBC Radio Ulster
FM 92.7–95.4

RTE Radio 1

FM 87.8–90.0, LW 252

RTE 2FM 90.4–92.2, 97

RTE Raidió na Gaeltachta 92.6–94.4, 102.7

RTE Lyric FM 97.8–99.6, 92.2, 95.2, 96.7, 102.2

Classic FM

99.9–101.9 (not Freeview)

Talksport MW 1053, 1089

Absolute MW 1215

Today FM FM 105.5

Local

Cool FM 97.4
Music, news and sport

Downtown FM 102.3 (Ballymena), 96.6 (Omagh/Enniskillen), 97.1 (Larne), 96.4 (Limavady), 102.4 (Londonderry), 103.4 (Newcastle), 103.1 (south Newry), MW 1026 (Belfast) Music, news

q FM 96.7 (Belfast), 102.5 (Bangor), 102.5 (Carrickfergus), 102.9 (North West), 97.2 (North Coast), 97.6 (Ballycastle), 107.0 (Mid Antrim), 107.6 (Larne), 106.0 (Mid Ulster), 107.2 (Dungannon), 106.3 (Maghera), 101.2 (Tyrone/Fermanagh), 102.1 (Enniskillen), 100.5 (Newry & Mourne), 101.1 (Kilkeel), 101.1 (Newcastle)

BBC Radio Wales

Face behind the voice Rajan Datar BBC World Service



Current job
Presenter of *The Forum* (Thursdays, 10.05am) and *Over to You* (Saturdays, 9.50am) on BBC World Service. “*The Forum* is one of the station’s crown jewels. It’s a very accessible version of *In Our Time* (Radio 4), touching on any subject from the first heart surgery to highlife music in Ghana. I love doing it. *Over to You* is on 52 weeks a year and I’ve pretty much done every single one.”
CV Born in south-west London, he read philosophy, politics and economics at Oxford University then did a master’s in political sociology at the London School of Economics. He made his TV debut in 1991, reporting on the launch of *The Big Issue*. He co-presented (with Magenta Devine) the *Rough Guide...* series for BBC2, then in 1994 *The People’s Parliament* for Channel 4 and *The Net* for BBC2 – the first

major series about the internet. “Frankly, asking me to do that was a bit weird because I’m not very technical.” He was a reporter for BBC2’s *Newsnight* 1996–97, then for *The Money Programme* from 1998 to 2006: “It was coming out of its city-based phase, with crusty old men talking about stock prices. The programme I enjoyed making most was about Enron, the American company that collapsed. That epitomises what I love doing most – making complicated subjects accessible.” From 2007 to 2013 he presented travel show *Fast Track* for BBC World News, then from 2013 *The Travel Show*.
Social media – yes or no? “Yes, but sparingly. I don’t use it as a platform to mouth off. I’m not addicted to social media and that’s a healthy place to be.”
Best moments “It’s a toss-up between having to fight a Mongolian wrestler in the Gobi desert for *The Travel Show*, and interviewing a band at a jazz

festival in New Orleans. Halfway through their set, they asked me up on stage – and I was playing the washboard in front of thousands of people.”
Worst moments “I was doing a radio programme with all of the script on a computer screen. It was minutes before broadcast on a very hot day. So I decided to put the fan on, took a plug out – and unplugged the computer with the script on it. We basically blagged the programme for a whole hour and got away with it, but I’m not sure the producer’s ever recovered.”
Off air Lives in west London with his wife, TV producer Emma Jones, their two daughters and dog Dizzy.

First radio memory “When I was a kid, my parents would take me to Maharashtra in India to meet relatives I hardly knew. I was very homesick and there I discovered the BBC World Service.”
Favourite broadcasters “Mishal Husain is the most composed, thorough, forensic broadcaster I’ve heard. Craig Charles, who is on 6 Music, is also fantastic. And I admire Jim Al-Khalili because he is a brilliant communicator who can explain complicated things in a really user-friendly way.”
Ambition/Dream job “I want to do the ten-part, landmark series about the meaning of life or consciousness or neuroscience. That would be, for me, the epitome of broadcasting.”
Secret skills “About 35 years ago I started an eight-piece ska and reggae band called Maroon Town. That is my second family and a wonderful alternative to broadcasting, using a different part of your brain.”
DAVID MCGILLIVRAY
bbc.co.uk/worldserviceradio

6.30 Country Focus
Rural affairs programme. Repeated from Sunday 7am
Repeated tomorrow 5.30am
7.00 Huw Stephens
Featuring the Artist of the Week and new music from Wales and beyond.
10.00 The Late Show with Eleri Siôn
Music and chat.
12.30am–5.30 as *Radio 5 Live*

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Rural affairs programme. Repeated from yesterday 6.30pm
6.00 Radio Wales Breakfast
News, sport, travel and weather with Claire Summers.
8.30 Dot Davies
Lively debate, challenging stories and great music.
11.00 Wynne Evans
Music and chat.
2.00pm Behnaz Akhgar
Music and guests, plus the daily workout for the brain, the **2.45 Teaser**.
5.00 Radio Wales Drive with Gareth Lewis
Everything you need to know from Wales and the world.
6.30 Arrows of Desire
Gary Slaymaker explains his love of darts, and looks back at some of the Welsh players that strengthened his constant affection for the game. Repeated tomorrow 5.30am
7.00 Aleighcia Scott
Music and culture.
10.00 The Late Show with Eleri Siôn
Music and chat.
12.30am–5.30 as *Radio 5 Live*

Saturday
NEWS: hourly 7.00am to 2.00pm; plus 5.00pm
WEATHER: before most news bulletins
HILL FORECAST: 6.59am
5.00am Vicki Blight
Start the weekend with music and chat.
7.00 Radio Wales Breakfast
News, sport, travel and weather with Oliver Hides.
9.00 Money for Nothing
Dedications and song requests from the 1950s to the 80s. Phone: 03700100110
11.30 Carol Vorderman
Music and chat.
2.00pm Radio Wales Sport
Live commentary on the big Welsh games of the day.
5.00 Radio Wales Sport
Cardiff Rugby v CA Brive, commentary on the European Rugby Challenge Cup match at the Arms Park (kick-off **5.30**).
7.30 Bethan Elfyn
Classic rock, new tunes, indie anthems and new Welsh acts.
10.00 BBC Introducing with Adam Walton
Adam brings you new Welsh music, exclusive sessions, interviews and demos.
1.00am–6.00 as *Radio 5 Live*

Sunday
NEWS: hourly 7.00am to 6.00pm
WEATHER: before most news bulletins
HILL FORECAST: 6.58am
6.00am The Aberystwyth Book Club
In this Christmas special, the book lovers read a collection of ghost stories by MR James, revealing a world where evil brushes against everyday life. Repeated from last Friday
Repeated Monday 5.30am

6.30 Amy Dowden: Body Shaming and Me
The Caerphilly-born star of *Strictly* has lived with Crohn’s since the age of 11. In this programme, she addresses the issue of body-shaming. Repeated from last Tuesday
7.00 Country Focus
Rural affairs programme covering the Welsh countryside. Repeated Wednesday 6.30pm and Thursday 5.30am
7.30 Celebration
A service for the third Sunday of Advent led by the Rev Dr Craig Gardiner, a tutor at South Wales Baptist College. The evening edition of the programme includes My Favourite Hymn. Repeated 7.30pm
8.00 Sunday Supplement
Political news, discussions and analysis, plus a round-up of the Sunday papers with our guest reviewers.
9.00 All Things Considered
Religious affairs programme, tackling the issues of the day in a thought-provoking manner. Repeated tomorrow Tuesday 5.30am
Email: religion.wales@bbc.co.uk
9.30 Sunday Morning with Alex Jones
Music and guests.
11.00 Owen Money’s Solid Gold Sunday
Hits from the 1960s and 70s.
1.00pm Kiri Pritchard-McLean
Music and chat.
3.00 Lynn Bowles
Music, entertainment and guests for Sunday afternoon.
5.00 Roy Noble
Classic songs and chat. Email: roy.noble@bbc.co.uk

South West FM/Cardiff FM
5.00–7.30 Radio Wales Sport
Ospreys v Leicester Tigers, the European Champions Cup pool match at Swansea.com Stadium (kick-off **5.30**).
7.00 Nani Hacks: Christmas Special
Ali Kedge, Kemi Nevins, Nicky Keeping and Di Parsons share practical tips for surviving the Christmas season, from money-saving present ideas to managing family gatherings. Repeated from last Thursday
7.30 Celebration
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8.00 Celtic Heartbeat
Frank Hennessy presents the best in folk, roots and acoustic music from the Celtic countries and beyond. Plus Frank’s weekly Celtic gig guide.
10.00 Beverley’s World of Music
Broadcaster Beverley Humphreys introduces a selection of popular songs from stage and screen.
1.00am–5.30 as *Radio 5 Live*

Monday
NEWS: hourly 6.00am to 10.00pm
WEATHER: before most news bulletins
5.30am The Aberystwyth Book Club
Christmas special in which the book club read classic short ghost stories by MR James. Repeated from Sunday 6am
6.00 Radio Wales Breakfast
News, sport, travel and weather with Claire Summers.

8.30 Ashley Williams’s World Cup Breakfast
Ashley Williams takes listeners’ calls relating to the 2022 World Cup.
9.30 Jason Mohammad
Lively debate, challenging stories and great music.
11.00 Wynne Evans
Music and chat.
2.00pm Behnaz Akhgar
Music and guests, plus the brain workout, the **2.45 Teaser**.
5.00 Radio Wales Drive with Gareth Lewis
Everything you need to know from Wales and the world.
6.30 Double Top
New comedy from Welsh writers and performers.
7.00 Huw Stephens
Featuring the Artist of the Week, and new music from Wales and beyond.
10.00 The Late Show with Eleri Siôn
Music and chat.
12.30am–5.30 as *Radio 5 Live*

Tuesday
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5.30am All Things Considered
Religious affairs programme, tackling the issues of the day in a thought-provoking manner. Repeated from Sunday 9am
Email: religion.wales@bbc.co.uk
6.00 Radio Wales Breakfast
News, sport, travel and weather with Claire Summers.
8.30 Jason Mohammad
Debate, stories and music.
11.00 Wynne Evans
Music and chat.
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Music and guests, plus the brain workout, the **2.45 Teaser**.

5.00 Radio Wales Drive with Gareth Lewis
The latest updates.
6.30 A Transport Pioneer
The incredible story of the Monmouth motoring and aviation pioneer Charles Rolls and his contribution to modern-day transportation. Repeated tomorrow 5.30am
7.00 Huw Stephens
Featuring the Artist of the Week and new music from Wales and beyond.
North FM only
7.00–10.00 Radio Wales Sport
Wrexham v Chesterfield. Commentary on the National League match at the Racecourse Ground (kick-off **7.45**).
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Everything you need to know from Wales and the world.
6.30 Radio Wales Arts Show
Reflecting the current arts scene in Wales.
7.00 Radio Wales Sport
Live commentary, analysis and special features.
10.00 Friday Night H
The Steps singer takes you into the weekend with music and chat.
12.30am–5.00 as *Radio 5 Live*
BBC Wales, 3 Central Square, Cardiff CF10 1FT
03703 500 700
(weekdays 9.30am to 5.30pm)
(landline calls charged at a maximum of 8p per minute)
SMS: 81012
bbc.co.uk/radiowales

Cymru

Sadwrn

5.30am Richard Rees
Cerddoriaeth a chwmnïaeth ar gyfer bore Sadwrn.

7.00 Galwad Cynnar
Gerallt Pennant a'i westeion yn trafod natur, bywyd gwyllt a chadwraeth.
EBOST: galwadcynnar@bbc.co.uk

8.00 Dros Frecwast
Y newyddion diweddaraf yng Nghymru a thu hwnt, gyda Dylan Jones.

8.30 Ar y Marc
Dylan Jones a'r criw yn trafod pob math o bethau'n ymwneud â phêl-droed.
EBOST: arymarc@bbc.co.uk

9.00 Tudur Owen
Lot o fwydro, 'chydig o sylwedd, dim swmp.

11.00 Y Sioe Sadwrn
Cerddoriaeth ac adloniant gyda Shelley Rees a Rhydian Bowen Phillips.

2.00pm Chwaraeon Radio Cymru
Sylwebaethau byw, yn ogystal â chanlyniadau a'r newyddion chwaraeon diweddaraf.

5.30 Marc Griffiths
Cymysgedd o'r hen a'r newydd i ddiddanu ar nos Sadwrn, gan gynnwys llwyth o geisiadau.
EBOST: marc.griffiths@bbc.co.uk

9.00 Ffion Emyr
Cerddoriaeth a chwmnïaeth ar nos Sadwrn, gyda Ffion Emyr.

12.00 gweler World Service

Sul

5.30am Linda Griffiths
Dechreuwch eich dydd Sul yn sain dewis cerddorol Linda Griffiths.

7.00 Troi'r Tir
Y straeon diweddaraf o fyd amaeth a bywyd cefn gwlad.
Ail-ddarlledir Llun am 6pm

7.30 Caniadaeth y Cysegr
Rhaglen o ganu cynulleidfao. Ail-ddarlledir 4.30pm

8.00 Bore Sul
Trin a thrafod papurau'r Sul, cerddoriaeth a sgysiau hamddenol.

10.00 Swyn y Sul
Y cerddor a'r cyfansoddwr Robat Arwyn gyda ei ddewis amrywiol o gerddoriaeth ar gyfer bore Sul.

12.00 Yr Oedfa
Gwasanaeth yn arbennig i wrandawyr Radio Cymru.

12.30pm Bwrw Golwg
John Roberts a'i westeion yn trafod materion moesol a chrefyddol.
EBOST: bwrw.golwg@bbc.co.uk

1.00 Beti a'i Phobol
Beti George yn sgwrsio gydag un o bobl Cymru.
Ail-ddarlledir lau am 6pm

2.00 Cofio
Archif, atgof a chn ynghwmni John Hardy.
Ail-ddarlledir Mercher am 6pm

3.00 Hywel Gwynfryn
Amrywiaeth o gerddoriaeth, yn ogystal â phytiau o raglenni Radio Cymru o'r wythnos a fu.

4.30 Caniadaeth y Cysegr
Rhaglen o ganu cynulleidfao. Darlledwyd 7.30am

5.00 Stori Tic Toc
Dewch i wrando ar stori am Elsi, Magli a'r crochan hud.
Ail-ddarllediad

5.05 Dei Tomos
Sgyrsiau am Gymru, ei phobl a'i diwylliant.
EBOST: deitomos@bbc.co.uk

6.30 Gwlad yr Asyn
Drama gan Wyn Mason.

7.00 Ambell i Gân
Gwenan Gibbard sy'n cyflwyno cyfoeth ac amrywiaeth cerddoriaeth werin Cymru.

8.00 Ar Eich Cais
Rhys Meirion yn darllen cyfarchion ac yn chwarae ceisiadau.
EBOST: areichcais@bbc.co.uk

9.00 John ac Alun
Cerddoriaeth a sgwrsio i gloi'r penwythnos.

12.00 gweler World Service

Llun

5.30am John Hardy
Cerddoriaeth a chwmnïaeth ben bore, gyda bwletinau newyddion, chwaraeon, tywydd a thraffig. Hefyd, y bwletin amaeth dyddiol, yn ogystal â golwg ar y papurau.

7.00 Dros Frecwast
Y newyddion diweddaraf yng Nghymru a thu hwnt, gyda Kate Crockett a Dylan Ebenezer.

9.00 Aled Hughes
Straeon cyfredol, cerddoriaeth, a holi'r cwestiynau sydd ar feddwl pawb.

11.00 Bore Cothi
Croeso cynnes dros baned gyda Shân Cothi.

1.00pm Dros Ginio
Trin a thrafod Cymru a'r byd. Dewi Llwyd sy'n codi'r pynciau a gofyn y cwestiynau sy'n bwysig i chi.
EBOST: drosginio@bbc.co.uk Ffôn: 03703 500 500

2.00 Ifan Jones Evans
Digon o gerddoriaeth, chwerthin a sgwrsio, yn ogystal â chystadleuaeth neu ddwy.

5.00 Post Prynhawn
Newyddion y dydd yng Nghymru a thu hwnt gyda Nia Thomas yn cyflwyno.
EBOST: postprynhawn@bbc.co.uk

6.30 Fy Stori Fawr
Gall gohebu adael ei farc. Dyma rai o leisiau newyddiadurol adnabyddus Cymru yn trafod eu stori fawr nhw.

7.00 Rhys Mwyn
Clasuron coll o gasgliad Mr Mwyn, a gwesteion yn hel atgofion.

9.00 Caryl
Cerddoriaeth a hwyl gyda'r hwyr gyda Caryl Parry Jones.

12.00 gweler World Service

Mawrth

5.30am John Hardy
Cerddoriaeth a chwmnïaeth ben bore, gyda bwletinau newyddion, chwaraeon, tywydd a thraffig. Hefyd, y bwletin amaeth dyddiol, yn ogystal â golwg ar y papurau.

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1.00pm Dros Ginio
Trin a thrafod Cymru a'r byd. Jennifer Jones sy'n codi'r pynciau a gofyn y cwestiynau sy'n bwysig i chi.
EBOST: drosginio@bbc.co.uk Ffôn: 03703 500 500

2.00 Ifan Jones Evans
Digon o gerddoriaeth, chwerthin a sgwrsio, yn ogystal â chystadleuaeth neu ddwy.

5.00 Post Prynhawn
Newyddion y dydd yng Nghymru a thu hwnt gyda Dylan Jones yn cyflwyno.
EBOST: postprynhawn@bbc.co.uk

6.00 Gwneud Bywyd yn Haws
Hanna Hopwood a'i gwesteion sy'n trafod beth sy'n gwneud bywyd yn haws.

6.30 Chwalu Pen
Mari Lovgreen fydd yn herio criw o banelwyr i feddwl am ddau beth ar yr un pryd mewn sioe gwis llawn hwyl a ffeithiau difyr a dibwrpas. Yn y bennod yma, y bodledwraig Lowri Wynn ac Iwan Evans o'r gyfres deledu newydd Reunion Hotel fydd yn ymuno â'r capteiniaid Arwel "Pod" Roberts a'r Welsh Whisperer.

7.00 Georgia Ruth
Dewis eclecticig o gerddoriaeth o gasgliad Sian Eleri, yn cynnwys cerddoriaeth ryngwladol, byd a thraciau Cymraeg arbrofol.

9.00 Caryl
Cerddoriaeth a hwyl gyda'r hwyr gyda Caryl Parry Jones.

12.00 gweler World Service

Mercher

5.30am John Hardy
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7.00 Dros Frecwast
Y newyddion diweddaraf yng Nghymru a thu hwnt, gyda Kate Crockett a Dylan Ebenezer.

9.00 Aled Hughes
Straeon cyfredol, cerddoriaeth, a holi'r cwestiynau sydd ar feddwl pawb.

11.00 Bore Cothi
Croeso cynnes dros baned gyda Shân Cothi.

1.00pm Dros Ginio
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6.00 Cofio
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7.00 Mirain Iwerydd
Cerddoriaeth newydd Cymru.

9.00 Caryl
Cerddoriaeth a hwyl gyda'r hwyr gyda Caryl Parry Jones.

12.00 gweler World Service

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9.00 Caryl
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12.00 gweler World Service

Gwener

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1.00pm Dros Ginio
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9.00–11.00 Lisa Gwilym: Lisa Gwilym yn chwarae eich hoff fiwsig

Gwener

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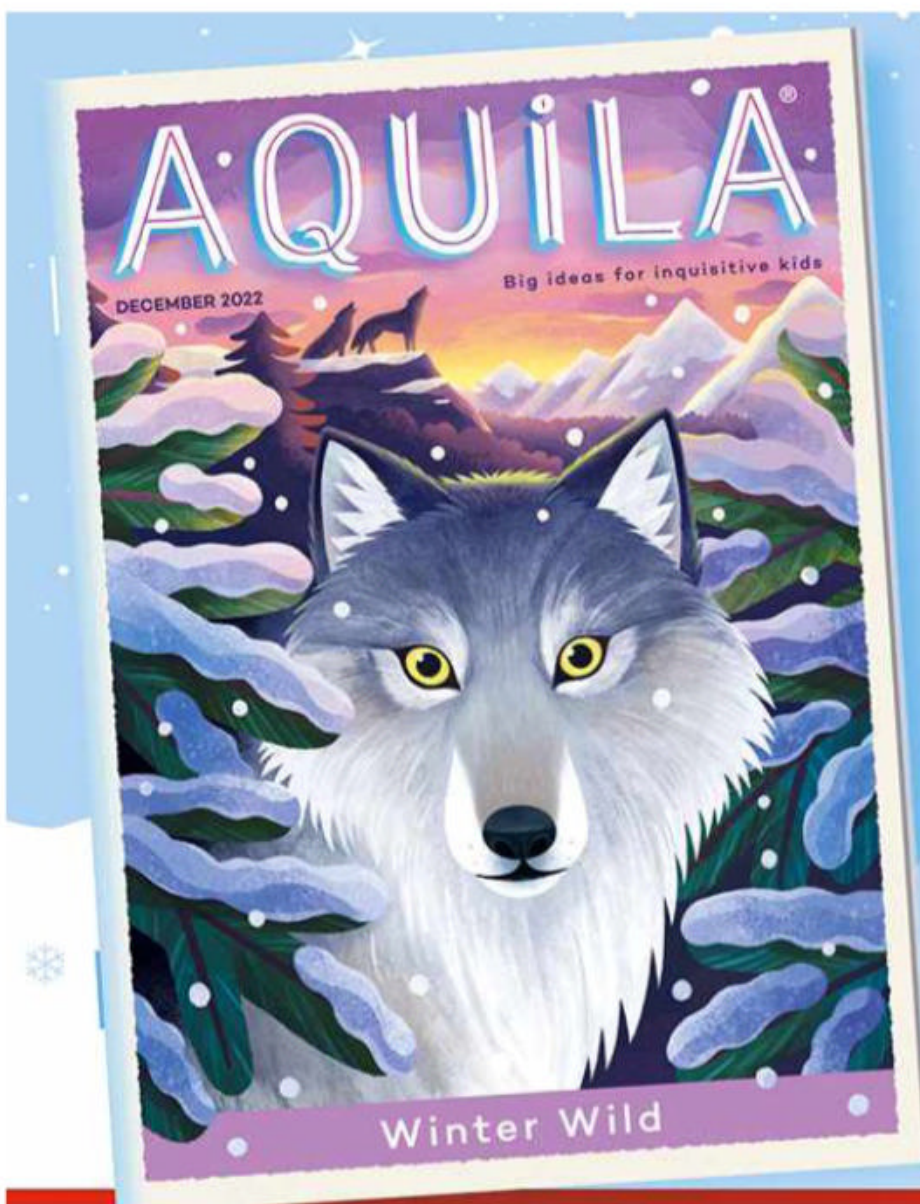
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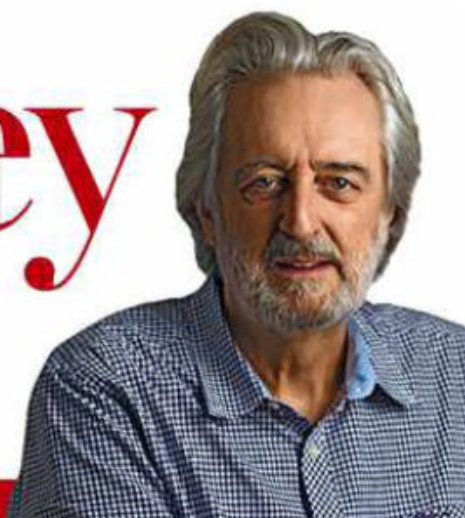
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THE BIG FREEZE

Fixing tax thresholds will raise £100 billion over the next five years – and we're the ones paying it, says **Paul Lewis**

THE CHANCELLOR HAS announced massive tax increases over the next five years – without explaining what he was doing. In his Autumn Statement he used this bland phrase, “I am maintaining at current levels the income tax personal allowance, higher rate threshold, and the inheritance tax thresholds”, to sneak in tax rises that will raise nearly £100 billion for the Treasury over the next five years. And guess who will pay that? Us.

The personal tax threshold is the amount of income you can have before income tax begins. It is £12,570 a year – about £242 a week – and was fixed there in 2021/22. This year it did not rise and now it will stay the same until the tax year 2027/28. That six-year freeze of the personal tax allowance is the longest since 1955, and the effect will be dramatic.

TAX THRESHOLDS SHOULD rise each year with inflation. So this year the allowance should have been £12,960 and next year it should rise to £14,270, but keeping it frozen will cost basic rate taxpayers an extra £340 that year. Over the whole period to 2027/28 they will pay an extra £2,600 in tax more than if the allowance had risen with inflation. The threshold where a higher rate tax of 40 per

cent begins is also frozen. It is currently £50,270 a year and there it will stay until 2027/28. In that year alone people on higher rate tax will pay an extra £2,800 tax. And as wages and incomes rise, the Office for Budget Responsibility estimates that 2.6 million more people will be

‘The effect of a six-year freeze in tax allowance will be dramatic’

paying 40 per cent tax on some of their income.

Similarly, the starting level of Inheritance Tax has been £325,000 since 2009 and it will now stay frozen until April 2028. If it had risen with inflation, it would be £474,000 next April. As a result thousands more families will have to pay Inheritance Tax when their loved ones die, and the amount they pay will grow.

Sadly, these decisions seem unlikely to be changed. But at least when you feel poorer year by year you will now know why!

QUESTIONS? Send any questions to Paul.Lewis@radiotimes.com. I cannot answer you personally, but I will reflect them in this column.



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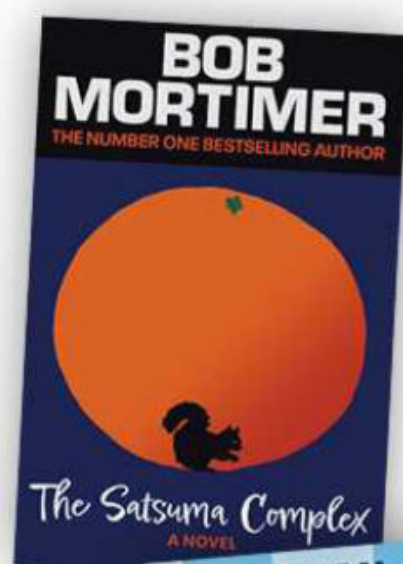
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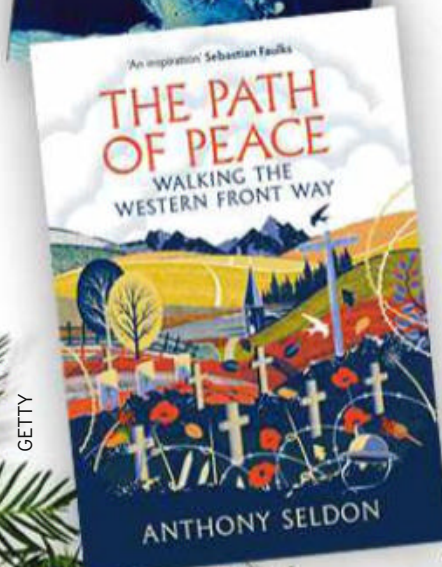
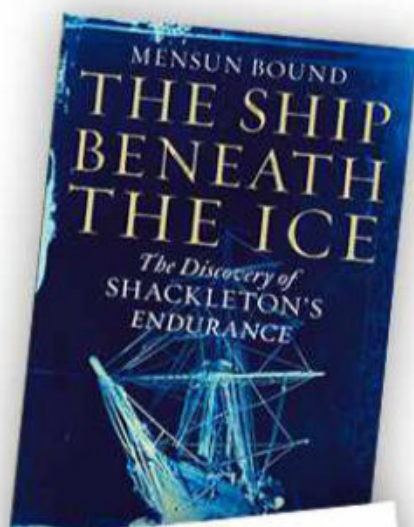
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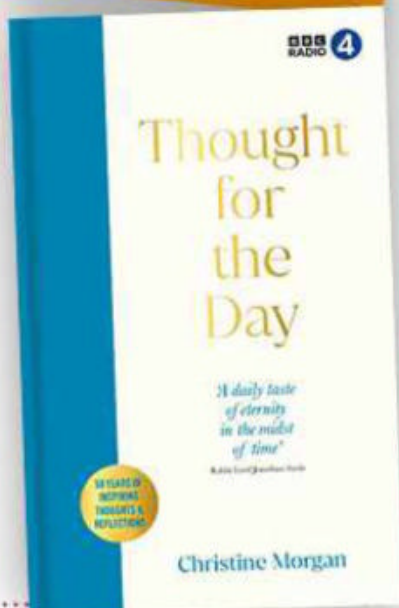
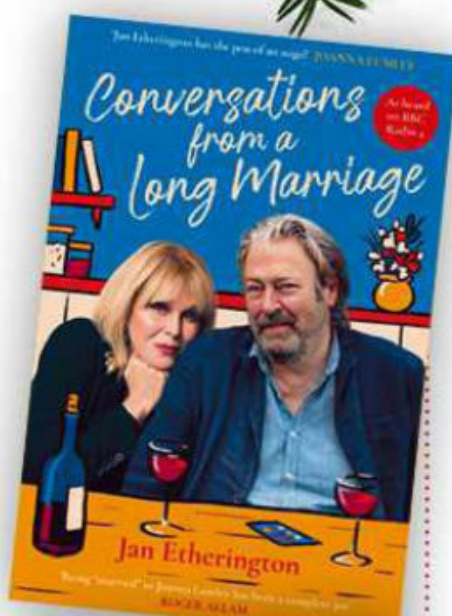
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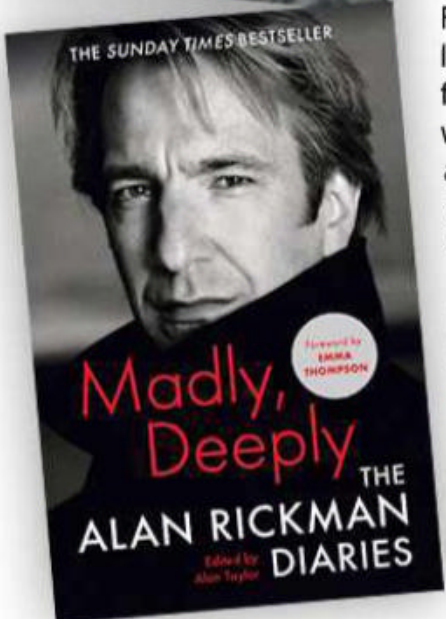
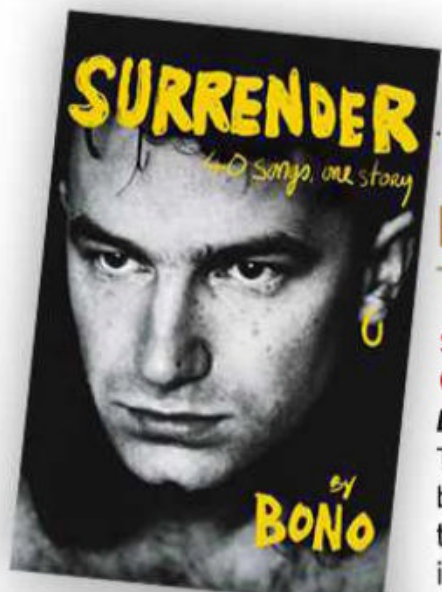
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INGREDIENTS (SERVES 6)

- 6 large skinless chicken thighs, bone in
- 2 tbsp plain flour
- 2 tsp paprika
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 1 large onion, finely chopped
- 1 large red pepper, deseeded and finely diced
- 2 garlic cloves, crushed

- 2 tsp tomato purée
- 30g sun-blushed tomatoes, chopped
- 150ml white wine
- 150ml chicken stock
- 150ml pouring double cream
- 150g baby spinach
- 55g Parmesan cheese, grated

1 Place the chicken thighs in a bowl. Add the flour and the paprika and season well with salt and freshly ground black pepper. Toss together to coat.

2 Heat the oil in a large, deep frying pan over a high heat. Add the chicken and fry for 3–4 minutes on each side, until browned and crisp. Set aside on a plate.

3 Add the onion and red pepper to the unwashed pan and fry for 4–5 minutes over a medium heat, until soft. You may need a little more oil. Add the garlic and fry for 30 seconds.

4 Stir in the purée, tomatoes, wine and stock and bring up to the boil. Return the chicken to the pan with any resting juices, cover, reduce the heat and simmer for about 30 minutes, until tender.

5 Add the cream and spinach to the pan and stir until wilted. Remove from the heat, sprinkle with cheese and serve piping hot.

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Helen McGinn suggests some delicious wines to pair with your Christmas food

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This week I've picked a selection of under-the-radar, great-value wines that will work with a range of classic dishes for the big festive feast, from canapés and seafood to turkey with all the trimmings. And, of course, there's something to go with Christmas pudding and mince pies! Or rather, pour on top of them. No, I'm not kidding...



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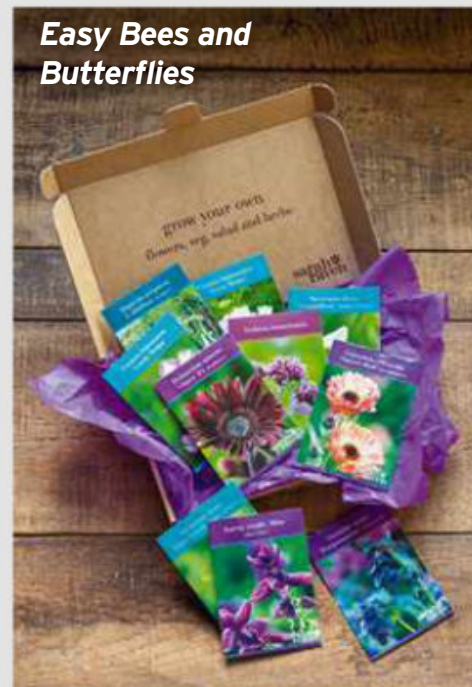
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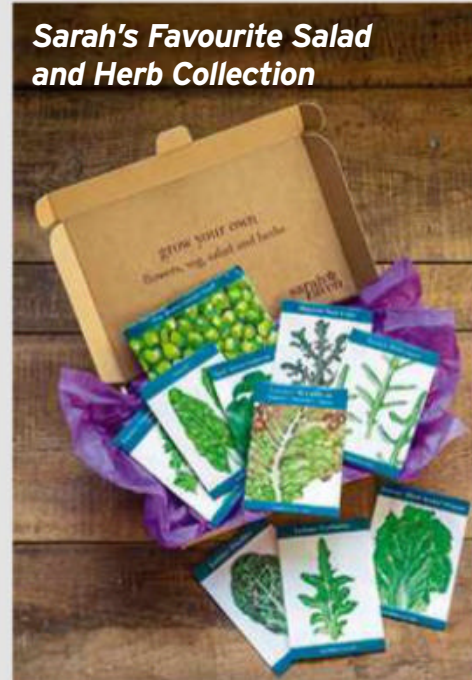
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SLEEP LIKE A STAR

The glitz and glamour of London's legendary Savoy hotel takes on a glittering showbiz flavour this Christmas

The Savoy at Christmas

Monday 9.00pm ITV1

FRANCK ARNOLD is possibly the only man in the world who gets to tell off Gordon Ramsay. The swearsy celebrity chef may be king of his kitchen at most of his global empire of restaurants, but at one outpost he plays second fiddle to the neatly suited, softly spoken, French-accented Arnold.

The latter is managing director of London's Savoy hotel, home to Ramsay's Savoy Grill restaurant, and viewers have had a glimpse of the delicate balance of power in two series of ITV1's fly-on-the-wall documentary *The Savoy*. But with a special, *The Savoy at Christmas*, being shown this week, might we see relationships at breaking point under the strain of this most stressful time of the year? "Well, I've been working with Gordon for many years," says Arnold carefully, "and yes, he sometimes uses words that, ah, I would not. But I wouldn't have extended the relationship the Savoy has had with Gordon if I didn't know, personally, that he is very kind, that he genuinely cares for his people, and that he's... passionate."

Arnold – one of the stars of the documentary for his debonair ways – admits that Christmas is a fraught time here. "It's very intense. Do staff welcome 2 January? Absolutely we do. But this is also a wonderful time of year for us when we get to create amazing memories for our guests."

They certainly do that. This year, the theme of the hotel's festive overhaul picks up on its 100-year heritage as a theatrical hotspot. Built by



'The staff are passionate about making guests feel special here'

Richard D'Oyly Carte off the back of the impresario's profitable productions of Gilbert and Sullivan operas, Britain's first luxury hotel opened in 1889 and has been home to such names-in-lights as Oscar Wilde, Noël Coward, Laurence Olivier, George Gershwin, Elizabeth Taylor, Frank Sinatra, Marilyn Monroe, Barbra Streisand and George Clooney (not to mention prime ministers, presidents and royalty). And now, with "It's showtime"

emblazoned in neon above the hotel's grand entrance on the Strand, "we want all our guests to feel like stars," says Arnold.

Christmas trees are decorated with sheet music, drinks trolleys are bedecked with toy theatres, a velvet-curtained stage sits in the foyer for guests to pose on, theatrical storytelling sessions take place in December – and even the bar has a special festive menu.

The hotel's famous American Bar has a proud history of its own, with several classic cocktails having been invented there, but no laurels are being rested on. If this month's "Festive Pick-Me-Up" cocktail (which features mince pie, Bombay Sapphire gin, apple, absinthe and champagne) doesn't tempt you, try the menu's "sustainable" choices, such as cocktails with "reused champagne" (fizz taken from bottles unfinished by earlier guests).

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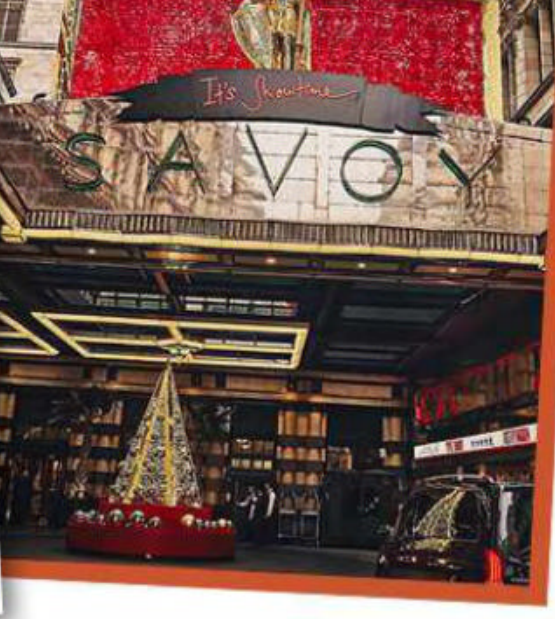
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BE OUR GUEST

Main picture: The Savoy's dining room in all its festive splendour.

Above left: the hotel's famous afternoon tea is a treat that non-residents can also enjoy.

Above right: the grand main entrance on the Strand. **Below left:** Marilyn Monroe is just one of the Savoy's impressive parade of former guests. **Below right:** the Savoy's managing director, Franck Arnold

restaurants. But at the Grill, familiar classic dishes continue to be served exactly the way purists like them; the beef wellington is a particular favourite, just as it was when Charlie Chaplin or James Dean were guests. Upstairs, bedrooms are furnished traditionally, with Art Deco or Edwardian accents, but one look out of the window (and it's worth paying the extra for a Thames view) and you're reminded that you're in the beating heart of a modern metropolis.

Indeed, the Savoy makes a great base for exploring London at its festive best, especially if you're interested in theatre. Covent Garden (and its opera and ballet) is on your doorstep, with the rest of Theatreland within easy walking distance. Alternatively, take the hotel's "back door" – which opens onto Victoria Embankment Gardens – and you have all the concert halls and playhouses of the South Bank before you.

AT THE STRAND entrance, top-hatted doormen sweep you through the old mahogany doors into a foyer that has sparkled ever since it opened (it was Britain's first hotel to be lit by electricity). The discreet but cheekily humorous doormen are some of the major characters in the documentary. "None of us are actors or comedians," says Arnold, "but the programme highlights how passionate every staff member is about making guests feel special here."

And if you don't want your stay (or dinner, drinks or afternoon tea – available to non-residents) to be a big performance and would, like the Clooneys, prefer some discretion? "Celebrities choose us because we can maintain the highest level of confidentiality," says Arnold. "We have a few alternative entrances we can use to ensure privacy." Secret passages? "Let's just say it's a pretty large building, with many different options..."

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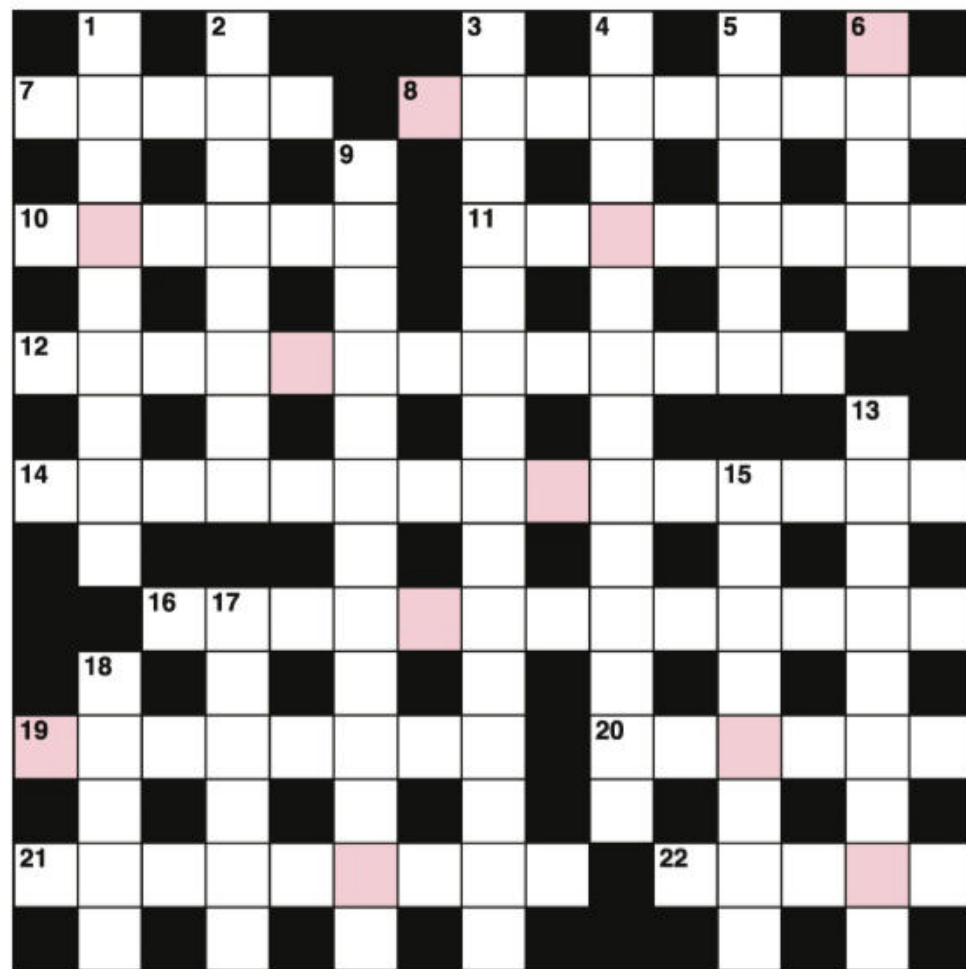
PRIZE CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 7 Announced requirement to work in a bakery (5)
8 Disconcerted, dismissed and evicted (6,3)
10 Listen to language's conclusion (6)
11 Getting over woodland space (8)
12 Making dye go, aperture for early photo (13)
14 I'm ashamedly daft about gruesome old series (3,6,6)
16 Therefore lean-to error comes out eventually (6,2,5)
19 Live with animal shielding hot sauce (8)
20 Compare unfinished level with empty tyre (6)
21 Kelvin in narrow vehicle with problem-solving group (5,4)
22 Rub in be relevant (5)

DOWN

- 1 A pint, a brew of your old hostility (9)
2 Emperor to awaken a half-lizard inside (8)
3 US dish in fearful state (7,8)
4 Where Rosalind flees, in these trees belonging to Elizabeth? (6,2,5)
5 Open ugly-headed prawn for cooking (6)
6 Communications company received container that was on fire (5)
9 TV actress hires out boy, forger (8,5)
13 Tell niece to spoil customers (9)
15 Mother 's holding smashed ale cup, but I'll take the blame (3,5)
17 Readily available where palm is? (2,4)
18 New city's ancient settlement with no parking! (5)



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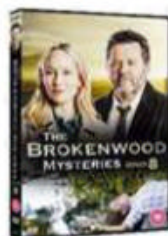
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EASY CROSSWORD

ACROSS (answers page 149)

- 7 Steer clear of (5)
8 Lower-cost tariff (5,4)
10 Wheat protein to which some are allergic (6)
11 Cloth, textile (8)
12 With very limited funds (2,1,10)
14 Set of lounge furniture (5-5,5)
16 US talk-show host (5,8)
19 Sprinkled with cheese and heated (2,6)
20 Go too far with (6)
21 Small salty fishes (9)
22 Reddish hair-dye (5)

DOWN

- 1 Hazardous snow-slide (9)
2 Repugnance, aversion (8)
3 Reality show in which celebrities perform anonymously (3,6,6)
4 Home's largest sleeping area (6,7)
5 Trial performance (3,3)
6 Scarecrow's stuffing (5)
9 Far from helpful (13)
13 Cloakroom worker (9)
15 Not required (8)
17 Coarse, unrefined (6)
18 Amusing or peculiar (5)

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POPMASTER
1 You're No Good 2 I Feel Love
Comin' On 3 New World 4 David
Bowie 5 Kajagoogoo 6 If I Was 7
Scream 8 Fugees 9 Obviously
10 Frank Turner
EGGHEADS 1b 2b 3c 4c 5a
6b 7a 8b 9a 10a

ENIGMA
Across Scamp, Bathe, Uniquely,
Sore, Agenda, Abiaze, Captive,
Jalopy, Nature, Find, Infinite,
Stark, Feint-
Down Mural, Chariot, Crikey,
Chowder, Mould, Asphyxia,
Gyration, Agile, Absolve, Fusion,
Horizon, Leper
POINTLESS
Glasgow (57 answered), Oxford
(78), Armagh (11), Manchester
(29), Swansea (38)
So Armagh is the answer that

ONLY CONNECT
Bulbous flowering plants
Tulip, Daffodil, Lily, Crocus
People with the surname
James Lebron, Etta, Greg, Jesse
Parts of the eye Iris, Retina,
Lens, Cornea
Learners Scholar, Student,
Apprentice, Pupill
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How Rachel did it: 9x8x2=144,
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714-8=706

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Tulip	Scholar	Lily	Apprentice
LeBron	Retina	Student	Cornea
Iris	Greg	Lens	Crocus
Etta	Daffodil	Jesse	Pupil

TRY THESE CLUES: GROUP ONE: LILY. GROUP TWO: LEBRON. GROUP THREE: IRIS. GROUP FOUR: PUPIL. © RDF WEST

COUNTDOWN with Rachel Riley



Using addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, try to get as close to the target as possible in 30 seconds. You can use each of the six numbers only once, but you don't have to use them all. Rachel's solution is on the previous page.

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25 2 6 8 9 8

SUPER SUDOKU 886

	6							
7			2					8
3				4			1	
6		2		5	1	9		
9								2
		5	9	3		7		4
	2			9				6
8					4			9
							3	

How to play Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3 x 3 box contains the digits 1 to 9. **Difficulty: 14/20**

SUDOKU NO 885 SOLUTION

5	2	6	4	1	8	7	9	3
3	4	9	7	2	6	1	5	8
8	7	1	5	3	9	2	6	4
2	6	8	9	4	1	3	7	5
9	5	3	2	6	7	8	4	1
7	1	4	3	8	5	6	2	9
4	9	2	8	7	3	5	1	6
1	3	5	6	9	2	4	8	7
6	8	7	1	5	4	9	3	2

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TRACKWORD

How many words of three letters or more can you find by tracking from one square to the next, going up, down, sideways or diagonally in order? You may not use the same letter square twice in any word. What is the nine-letter word?

BRAINBOX 19 words AVERAGE 13

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(Ref: Chambers English Dictionary)

THIS WEEK'S EASY CROSSWORD SOLUTION

Across 7 Avoid 8 Cheap rate 10 Gluten 11 Material 12 On a shoestring 14 Three-piece suite 16 Jerry Springer 19 Au gratin 20 Overdo 21 Anchovies 22 Henna
Down 1 Avalanche 2 Distaste 3 The Masked Singer 4 Master bedroom 5 Dry run 6 Straw 9 Uncooperative 13 Attendant 15 Unneeded 17 Earthy 18 Funny

THE ENIGMA CODE

Can you crack the Enigma code? Each grid number represents a letter. Every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter or letters – below the main grid – to start. The solution is on the previous page.

Difficulty: 12/20 Target time: 24 minutes

	17	19	15	16	11			4	15	7	5	23	
16		1		21			14		4		21		
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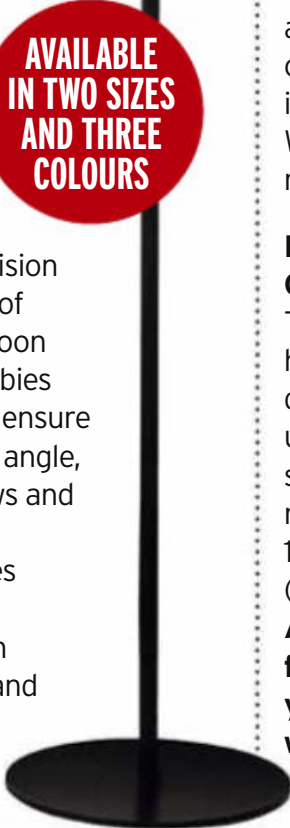
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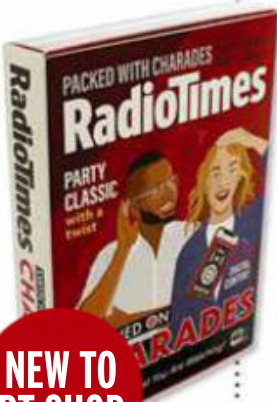


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OLAV BJORTOMT

1 In 1946, which Midlands club defeated Charlton Athletic 4-1 to win the first post-war FA Cup?

a Aston Villa **b** Derby County
c Nottingham Forest

2 Which golfer's famous bunker shot in 1988 saw him become the first Briton to win the Masters?

a Nick Faldo **b** Sandy Lyle
c Ian Woosnam

STEVE COOKE

3 Nicola Six is a character in which novel by Martin Amis?

a Money **b** Time's Arrow **c** London Fields

4 The "Swan" and "Egg" chairs, first produced in the late 1950s, are the work of which designer?

a Charles Eames **b** Alvar Aalto
c Arne Jacobsen

PAT GIBSON

5 Once a Native American trail, what is the only road that stretches the entire length

of Manhattan Island?

a Broadway **b** Fifth Avenue **c** Wall Street

6 Which of these challenges forms the sixth round of games played in the Netflix series *Squid Game*?

a Marbles **b** Squid Game **c** Tug of War

CHRIS HUGHES

7 "Mother of mercy. Is this the end of Rico?" is a famous quote from which 1931 gangster film?

a Little Caesar **b** Scarface
c The Roaring Twenties

8 Which US state has 254 counties – the highest number in America?

a Kentucky **b** Texas **c** Florida

LISA THIEL

9 The lithograph print *Ascending and Descending* of a never-ending staircase, is by which artist?

a MC Escher **b** Bridget Riley
c Richard Allen

10 The Thai dish *tom kha gai* is a variation of which type of recipe?

a Chicken soup **b** Fish cakes **c** Noodles

DICTIONARY CORNER

Susie Dent



It's looking black over Bill's mother

Anyone who's unfamiliar with the sayings of the Midlands and counties further north might be perplexed by

this observation. The observer in question will probably be glancing at an ominous sky, because the curious expression is taken to mean that dark clouds are gathering on the horizon,

heralding rain. But who is the Bill in question? Some believe that he is none other than William Shakespeare, whose mother Mary Arden lived in Stratford-upon-Avon. More popular, however, is the theory that it's a nod to Kaiser Wilhelm II, considered to be an unpredictable and tempestuous character. Windy or stormy weather coming from the east might metaphorically then be seen to be a symbol of the Emperor's brooding and blustering personality.

POPMASTER

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1960s

1 The Swinging Blue Jeans achieved two top 3 hits during the 60s. The first was

***Hippy Hippy Shake*; what was the other?**

2 What was the title of the only top 20 hit single achieved by Felice Taylor during the 60s?

1970s

3 Two versions of the song *Rose Garden* made the top 20 in 1971. The biggest hit was by Lynn Anderson – who recorded the other?

4 Who had hits in the 70s with *Sound and Vision* and *Boys Keep Swinging*?

1980s

5 He made the top 5 in 1984 with solo single *Never Ending Story*, but what duo was Limahl performing with around the same time?

6 What was the title of Midge Ure's 1985 number one hit single?

1990s

7 Name the 1995 top 3 hit that saw Janet Jackson duetting with Michael Jackson.

8 In 1997 and according to their top 3 hit, which group had a *Rumble in the Jungle*?

2000s–present day

9 Which song is not on McFly's album *Wonderland* – *Obviously, I Wanna Hold You* or *All About You*?

10 Who topped the album charts in 2022 with his ninth album *FTHC*?



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Edited by **JANE HILL**

PASTURES NEW FOR PAUL

The signing of Paul O'Grady and his producer Malcolm Prince to Boom Radio for a Christmas Day show is a breakthrough for the many listeners who are being discarded or ignored by Radio 2. Here's hoping this popular team will become a permanent fixture on this savvy station.

David Saunders

Shrewsbury, Shropshire

Paul and Malcolm's festive show will be at 12 noon on Christmas Day. Boom Radio is available via DAB radios and online.

NIGHT OF SURPRISES

I was surprised that the eponymous *SAS Rogue Heroes* (20 November BBC1) waited for the full Moon to set before starting their latest mission. I am sure they would have known, even if the scriptwriters didn't, that the full Moon is always opposite the Sun – and therefore as it sets, the Sun rises.

Robin Adams

Kintbury, Berkshire

THE GAMES OF LOVE

How lovely it was to see Richard Osman's fiancée, Ingrid Oliver, competing on his *House of Games* Champion of Champions (14–18 November BBC2). He is so obviously over the hills in love with her and I wish them every happiness in their future life together.

Carolyn Kennedy

Langton Matravers, Dorset

The pair met on House of Games in 2021. On the morning of the first episode this time, Ingrid Oliver tweeted: "Last time I was on the show, I won a fiancé."

PERSISTENCE PAYS OFF

Emma Barnett stuck to her guns while interviewing a police officer on *Woman's Hour*

LETTER OF THE WEEK

Emma gets to the truth

Some people complain that *Woman's Hour* (Radio 4) is too serious now, but Emma Barnett's treatment of the subject of stalking (21 November) was excellent. Her questioning, particularly of a police officer, was extremely thorough. She was insistent he responded to her questions, however much he prevaricated, resulting in her eventually getting answers. This contrasted so well with her interviewing, with extreme care and gentleness, of a female victim of stalking earlier in the programme.

I enjoyed Jane Garvey's time as co-presenter, but it doesn't stop me feeling Emma Barnett is doing a fantastic job. I hope she continues as the main presenter for some time to come.

Kate Phillipson Cheltenham, Gloucestershire

Don't miss Jane Garvey's column: see page 13

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NEWS VALUES?

How human life has become devalued. Watching the 6pm *News* on 21 November (BBC1), the main headlines were about England winning their first football match of the World Cup. Several items down was the news that 162

people, mainly children, had been killed in an earthquake in Java, Indonesia. It was nearly 20 minutes in before the full report on this was addressed.

Shame on the BBC for prioritising a football match – which, incidentally, many of us don't give two hoots about.

Lesley Howard

Prestatyn, Denbighshire

LABOUR REWARDED

I disagree with Diane Ffelan (Feedback, 19 November) that *Escape to the Country* (BBC1/2) is only for and about rich people. The programme clearly exists as a form of escapism (it's in the title, after all!) and is not supposed to be a documentary. Why should *Escape to the Country* be derided for showing that people who work

hard all their lives can move to somewhere nice in their retirement? It's actually aspirational television.

Michael Hurley

Oxfordshire

RECYCLING RT

I make collages inspired by nature from recycled paper, and a couple of years ago I challenged myself to make a collage entirely from my copy of the 2020 Christmas *Radio Times*. I called it *The Radio Times Forest* – it measures 120cm x 120cm and now resides in a holiday home in Anglesey.

Last month I completed another forest collage, called *Through the*

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EVERYONE'S A WINNER

Richard Osman with *House of Games* champions Yasmine Akram, Tom Rosenthal, Stephen Mangan and Osman's fiancée Ingrid Oliver

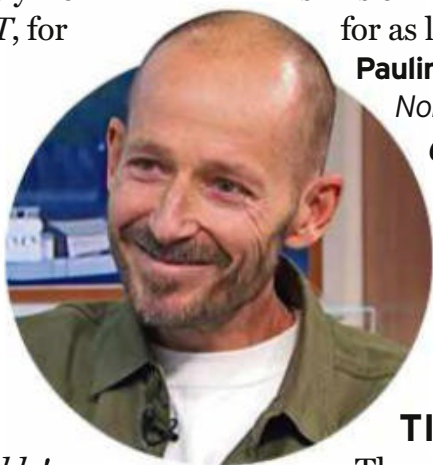


RT INTO ART
Hilary Wilson created this stunning collage called *The Radio Times Forest* from her 2020 Christmas double issue

Thicket, made entirely from recycled copies of *RT*, for a client who has a longstanding love of the magazine. I hope you like them!

Hilary Wilson
Leamington Spa,
Warwickshire

We do indeed – thank you, Hilary, your work is incredible!



skills on *Escape to the Country* for as long as possible.

Pauline Hughes Daventry,
Northamptonshire

Channel 4 has said that it couldn't obtain adequate insurance cover for Jonnie to film abroad.

TIMELY TRAITOR

There is a link between ITVX's new Cold War thriller *A Spy among Friends* (*RT*, 26 November) and the repeat on BBC4 of *The Singing Detective* (Feedback, 26 November). Dennis Potter wrote a Cold War play that aired in 1971. In *Traitor*, John Le Mesurier played the tormented spy Adrian Harris, a character based on Kim Philby, the subject of *A Spy among Friends*.

How sad that the work has never (as far as I know) been aired since. In 2023 it will be the 40th anniversary of Le Mesurier's death. It would be a fitting tribute by the BBC to show *Traitor* again.

Bob Drake Swansea

Great suggestion! Bob wins Dynasties II – series two of the BBC nature documentary narrated by David Attenborough.



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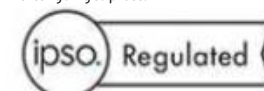
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JAMIE OLIVER

Christmas for the chef is all about family – but will he get his hands on the remote?

What will the view be from your sofa this Christmas?

We're a big family – in the front room there are two sofas, plus a little chair around the table. Christmas trees in the Oliver household are a very strange thing. My wife Jools has a special relationship with them. She goes to the Christmas tree place and wanders around for 40 minutes. She always picks a feral tree, the ugliest thing you've ever seen. She loves it; she feels sorry for it; she talks to it! The whole family dress it up – it's absolute carnage. To see the wonder in our kids' eyes, that's what Christmas is all about. That and whisky and mince pies.

Who has control of the remote?

The pecking order has changed recently. It's my daughter Poppy first, because if she doesn't get what she wants, you'll know about it! Then, it's Jools, followed by every other member of the family, then the dog Conker and then me. My missus likes a foot massage – 15 years ago I got cuddles, now I get foot. If I do a good job, she falls asleep and that's when I can take advantage of the remote control.

What does the Oliver household watch at Christmas?

I like Christmas specials because they dramatise the excitement of things. I love the old classics like *Only Fools and Horses* – nostalgic stuff. And I always rewatch *Bad Santa*. It's so funny and yet wrong in every way.

When the big day arrives, how do you celebrate?

It's a 5am start with me, Jools and three shivering, shuddering, excitable little kids. The two teenagers will still be in bed. We open some presents, light the fire, get the tea on – normally with a tiny little hangover hidden in the background – followed by a light breakfast. Then I'm in full cooking mode in my jim-jams. Jools buys us



matching ones every year – you never see that on the telly! We always have turkey *and* goose.

You were raised in your family's pub in Essex. What was Christmas like when you were growing up?

It was full of festivities – decorations everywhere – very jolly, very loud. It was a gift, an honour, to live in a pub. On Christmas Day, we'd be up early to do all the pressies, but we'd be open for business from 10am. All the locals were like extended aunts and uncles – I was brought up by 30 women!

Did working in the pub help foster your love of cooking?

I was good at cooking – not because I was born to do it or a genius, but because I just did it again and again. I had a terrible time academically at school, but I loved working at the weekend – learning to graft, learning to be tired, learning to earn a pound. I was blessed to work with seven chefs on a shift who all taught me how to do things and would whup me if I didn't do them right. It baffles me why British kids and people don't want to work in kitchens. There's a real happiness to be had.

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Longevity is difficult. It's about relentlessness, listening hard and dismantling ego. There are always ups and downs. I can still be easily fired. Nothing is rock solid even now. My boss is the public. **KELLY-ANNE TAYLOR**

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